Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 63

By: Coffee, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Halligan, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

and

Benge, Denney, Banz, Sherrer, Shoemake, McDaniel (Jeannie), Jones, Walker, Cox, Jordan, Coody, Cooksey, Osborn, Renegar, Bailey, Tibbs, Watson, Miller, Richardson, Johnson, McAffrey, Luttrell, Buck and Carey of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the contributions of T. Boone Pickens; thanking him for his generosity; welcoming him to the state capitol and designating May 12, 2010, "T. Boone Pickens Appreciation Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, T. Boone Pickens likes to say he grew up, "Where the pavement ends, the West begins, and the Rock Island crosses the Frisco". The colorful, no-nonsense Pickens is fiercely proud of his

Holdenville, Oklahoma, roots. Pickens, a child of the Depression, learned lessons of frugality and the privilege of working from his parents and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, his passionate advocacy today of the critical importance of reducing our country's dangerous dependency on foreign oil from unfriendly sources is having a pervasive impact on the American landscape and Oklahoma's energy interests, especially natural gas, which is abundant in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, his sizable, historic contributions to educational, cultural, historical, and health and welfare causes represent his steadfast faith in the future of Oklahoma and America; and

WHEREAS, throughout his professional life, Boone Pickens has been a generous philanthropist, giving away nearly a billion dollars. Oklahoma organizations have benefited significantly from his generousity receiving more than half of his philanthropy. Mr. Pickens has contributed a record-setting $500 million to Oklahoma State University (OSU), - his beloved alma mater - divided nearly equally between academics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, T. Boone Pickens recently announced a $100 million gift specifically to fund scholarships for both merit and need as a part of Oklahoma State University's record-setting Branding Success campaign to raise one billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma State University named him the Distinguished Fellow of the College of Arts and Sciences, and awarded him the Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Fellows Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Distinguished Fellow Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the many incalculable contributions T. Boone Pickens has made to the furtherance and betterment of the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature thanks T. Boone Pickens for his generosity towards his native State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature gladly welcomes T. Boone Pickens to the Oklahoma State Capitol and proudly and appropriately designates May 12, 2010, "T. Boone Pickens Appreciation Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to T. Boone Pickens.

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 12th **day of** May, **20**10,

at 2:18 **o'clock** P **M.**

By: M. Susan Savage