Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 120

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

A Resolution praising the heroism of Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troopers Brad Stuteville, Tommy Allen, and Scott Aldridge; commending them upon being selected for Trooper of the Year Awards for Heroism; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2009, Deputy Robbie Chase Whitebird and Captain Marvin Gene Williams, along with an officer with the Seminole Nation Lighthorse Police, attempted to serve an arrest warrant on a suspect in Seminole, Oklahoma. Deputy Whitebird and Captain Williams approached the front door while the Lighthorse officer went to the back door. At that time the suspect opened fire with a 9mm Kel-Tec rifle, shooting both Whitebird and Williams and a neighbor, Jennifer Bowen; and

WHEREAS, arriving at the scene, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troopers Brad Stuteville, Tommy Allen, and Scott Aldridge found Deputy Whitebird shot and bleeding from multiple gunshot wounds, lying near the front doorway of the house. Risking their lives by placing themselves in the line of fire, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troopers Brad Stuteville, Tommy Allen, and Scott Aldridge, along with other law enforcement officials, dragged the Deputy to safety. Tragically, both Deputy Whitebird and Captain Williams succumbed to the shooting, although the bystander did survive. The suspect later surrendered; and

WHEREAS, the troopers did the job they were sworn to do and never gave any thought about risking their lives to do it. It is for this reason that the Oklahoma Highway Users Federation selected the three members of Troop D in McAlester, Oklahoma, as recipients of the Trooper of the Year Award for Heroism.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the heroism of Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troopers Brad Stuteville, Tommy Allen, and Scott Aldridge.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troopers Brad Stuteville, Tommy Allen, and Scott Aldridge upon being selected as recipients of the Trooper of the Year Award for Heroism.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troopers Brad Stuteville, Tommy Allen, and Scott Aldridge.

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 4th **day of** May, **20** 10,

at 10:07 **o'clock** A **M.**

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