

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 92

By: Branan, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson,
Ballenger, Barrington, Bass,
Bingman, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,
Coates, Coffee, 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, Stanislowski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution praising the inspirational life of
Charles Israel; mourning his loss; extending
condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Charles Israel attended Edmond Memorial High School and graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma. Charles joined the Oklahoma State Senate staff in January 1995 and managed the Governor's Executive Nominations process, ensuring that proper procedure was followed before nominations were heard by the Oklahoma State Senate. Charles was also the Senate's Web Administrator; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his technical expertise, Charles was well known for his sly sense of humor and as a perpetrator of practical jokes. Charles loved all sports - soccer, baseball, basketball and football (both American and European). He enthusiastically supported the University of Southern California (USC) and derived great pleasure provoking OU fans. He was an avid reader, a passionate bird-watcher, and enjoyed Elvis Costello and techno music; and

WHEREAS, Charles Israel served on the ABLE Tech Advisory Council for 14 years, and was a founding member of Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), working to improve the employment outcomes for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Charles Israel battled Muscular Dystrophy most of his adult life. This genetic disorder gradually weakens the muscles that move the body, and Charles transitioned to crutches and eventually to a wheelchair. Senate staff, Senators and lobbyists held a silent auction to raise the funds necessary to purchase an assistance dog, Hobbes, to aid Charles and allow him to regain some independence.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the courageous and inspirational life of Charles Israel.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins with his family and friends in mourning his loss.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends heartfelt condolences to all who knew and loved him.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Charles Israel's Mother, Norma, and his two sisters, Jennifer and Sarah.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2010.



Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this _____

2nd day of March, 2010,

at 3:36 o'clock P M.

By: M. Leman Swartz