Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 33

By: Barrington, Allen, Anderson, Bass, Bice, Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm, David, Fields, Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Jech, Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry, Paddack, Pittman, Quinn, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Thompson, Treat, Wyrick, and Yen

A Resolution designating May 10-16, 2015, as Police Week in Oklahoma, and saluting the service of law enforcement officers throughout the state and across the nation.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the law enforcement community of our great state; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 488 Oklahoma members of local Police Departments, County Sheriff Offices, Township and County Constable Offices, the Alcoholic Beverages Laws Enforcement Commission, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Oklahoma City Justice of the Peace, the Oklahoma Lake Patrol, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Oklahoma State Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Will Rogers Airport Police Department, and the U.S. Marshals Service; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 273 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 117 officers killed in 2014 and 156 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, 11 new names of Oklahoma fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 3 officers killed in 2014 and 8 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate formally designates May 10-16, 2015, as Police Week in Oklahoma, and publicly salutes the service

of law enforcement officers in our communities throughout the state and in communities across the nation.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 11th day of May, 20 15, at 2:08 o'clock P. M.

By: C. Berge