

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 34

By: Jech

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A Resolution honoring the life and distinguished career of Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Thomas Patten Stafford was born in Weatherford, Oklahoma, on September 17, 1930; and

WHEREAS, Stafford was a Weatherford Eagle through and through, and often pointed to his hometown as the starting point for his incredible journey in life and career; and

WHEREAS, Stafford flew in four historic space missions, three of which he commanded, and spent a total of 508 hours in space; and

WHEREAS, Stafford flew nearly 130 different types of military aircraft and flew four different spacecraft; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Stafford served in various roles throughout his remarkable career, including test pilot instructor, author, the NASA Chief of the Astronaut Office, Deputy Director of Flight Crew Operations at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Commanding General of Edwards Air Force Base, Area 51 Commanding General, Head of Air Force Research and Development and Acquisition,

1 and primary defense advisor to President Ronald Reagan, among  
2 countless other board and advisory positions; and

3 WHEREAS, the Stafford Air and Space Museum in Weatherford  
4 highlights Lieutenant General Stafford's career and will continue  
5 sharing the legacy of this incredible Oklahoman through its exhibits  
6 and educational events.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
8 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the incredible life and  
10 career of Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford.

11 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Stafford  
12 Air and Space Museum and the General Thomas P. Stafford Archives at  
13 the Al Harris Library at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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