

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 9

By: Kidd

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the life of Navy veteran Delbert D. Black; recognizing the historic career of MCPON Black; sharing appreciation for his service; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Delbert D. Black was born in Orr, Oklahoma, in 1922 and enlisted in the United States Navy in March 1941; and

WHEREAS, Black completed recruit training in San Diego, California, and was then assigned to the USS Maryland (BB-46), which he was aboard during the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Master Chief Black was named the first Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, a title later changed to Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON); and

WHEREAS, Black was the highest-ranking enlisted member of the Navy and served as the enlisted liaison to the Chief of Naval Operations, focusing on guidance, leadership, and policy; and

WHEREAS, MCPON Delbert D. Black retired in 1971 but continued his involvement in the Navy through various organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, MCPON Black was laid to rest in Arlington National
2 Cemetery after passing away in March 2000, and has since had a
3 combatant ship and exhibit named in his honor, the USS Delbert D.
4 Black (DDG-119) and the United States Navy Chief Petty Officer Mess.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
6 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the life and extraordinary
8 military career of Navy veteran Delbert D. Black.

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the historic career
10 and achievements of MCPON Black.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends sincere appreciation for
12 his outstanding service to our country.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to MCPON Black's
14 family.

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