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## Oral Roberts Oklahoma Hall of Fame Introduction

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Mayor Robert LaFortune, Tulsa, Oklahoma introducing Dr. Oral Roberts.

Introduction to Mayor LaFortune: The Honorable Robert J. LaFortune, Mayor of the City of Tulsa, and for many years a friend of Oral Roberts, will give the citation for Dr. Oral Roberts.

Mayor LaFortune: Senator MacMillan, Congressman Steve(?), Governor Gary, Governor Hall, Mayor Ladding(?), Oklahoma Hall of Fame Honorees, honored guests, members and friends of Oklahoma Heritage Association;

Impact, involvement, inspiration, are words to describe this honoree, Dr. Oral Roberts. They and other descriptive phrases roll off of tongues like a waterfall. Our pride in him as a native Oklahoman is matched by the dramatic career he has created from the basic qualities which have made Oklahoma a great state, a state whose renown and reputation are illuminated and enhanced by this great man. Surely these qualities include dedication, perseverance, integrity, humility, and a reliance on God as our Supreme Being and as the source of our existence. Oral Roberts has these qualities among many other attributes, and he has blended them successfully and effectively in ways that touch the lives of millions around this troubled world. He is a man of action, translating his fervor for helping humanity and his philosophy of developing the whole person, through the Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. Here his faculty and students advance the intellectual community in our State, while fostering a reverence for God and country in a quest to achieve a true brotherhood of man. Oral Roberts has carried his interests in helping mankind throughout the world, and to know his work today you would agree he is increasing and not diminishing his base. It is not possible to measure analytically the impact of his life on others. But it is substantial, it is broad and deep like a giant river, and it will have perpetuity. His involvement in profound and very

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personal. No one around him toils as hard or as diligently as himself and he takes the time to know and understand the problems of our city and state and to help find solutions to them. His life is an inspiration to all who hear or know him and to those who are a product of his outstanding university. It is most appropriate that he be accorded membership in the Hall of Fame for he is truly a native son from the soil of Oklahoma. His roots are deep in the heritage of our state, but his life is dedicated toward raising the faith and hope and opportunity of this and future generations. It is with great pleasure and honor that I give to you for membership in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Dr. Oral Roberts.

Oral Roberts Prayer at the Dec. Convention 1972

Thank you, Chairman O'Brien. Please stand. Thank you, Chairman O'Brien, and as I lead the prayer tonight I hope that you will pray with me, each in your own way, because we need God's help. Let us pray. Our heavenly Father, we know that you are in the now. You are closer to us than our breath, you are at the point of our need, you are concerned about us as individuals, you are concerned about our nation. You are our source, our Lord. And the only way we know how to pray to you is to talk to you from our heart and we ask for help. We ask you to help us with our feeling for one another, our concern, our compassion. We ask you to help us touch one another with our prayers, our understanding of one another. Help us to reach out to each other's needs. Above all we ask for a healing, a healing of us as human beings, as persons, a healing of our country. Oh Lord, we need a great healing and help us no matter what we do here tonight to really love one another. Whoever it is, who is to be the man or the woman, let this individual feel for all of us, be concerned for each and everyone of us and to be God's servant. We believe that as we pray you will hear us. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord, we believe and we expect many miracles. Amen and Amen.