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### **Oklahoma Heritage Association seeks nominations for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame**

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Oklahoma Heritage Association is collecting nominations for the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the highest honor an Oklahoman can receive from the state.

“When Anna B. Korn created the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1927, her goal was to honor and show appreciation for those who had given outstanding service to the state during their lifetime,” said Shannon Rich Nance, president of the Oklahoma Heritage Association and Gaylord-Pickens Museum. “The Oklahoma Heritage Association has remained true to the Hall of Fame’s original mission for 83 years.”

Since the Oklahoma Hall of Fame’s inception in 1927, 628 accomplished individuals have received this honor, including most recent inductees: C. Kendric Ferguson, Altus; Marlin G. “Ike” Glass, Newkirk; V. Burns Hargis, Stillwater; Polly Nichols, Oklahoma City; Lee Roy Selmon, Eufaula; Steven W. Taylor, Tulsa; and Wayman Tisdale, Tulsa, who was inducted posthumously. Inductees are celebrated in the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum’s Oklahoma Hall of Fame Gallery, where visitors can look up information on inductees via interactive touch screens. Guests also can test their knowledge of notable Oklahomans by playing the Oklahoma Hall of Fame trivia game in the gallery.

Anyone can make an Oklahoma Hall of Fame nomination – the nominator does not have to be related to or know personally the individual he or she wishes to nominate.

Nominees to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame may be either living or deceased. To be eligible for nomination, the individual must:

- Reside in Oklahoma or be a former resident of the state,
- Have performed outstanding service to humanity, the state of Oklahoma and the United States,
- Be known for their contributions throughout the state and, above all,
- Have demonstrated their generosity with time and commitment to the community.

Individuals who have never resided in Oklahoma may be nominated if they have been distinguished in their profession or if their public service has brought honor or distinction to Oklahoma or contributed to the state’s heritage.

Those making nominations are asked to include information about the nominee’s education, business and professional affiliations, awards or special recognitions, philanthropic involvement and volunteerism, and leadership positions. Information on the individual’s ties to Oklahoma as well as his or her unique talents in his or her field should be included as well.

Both the Oklahoma Hall of Fame nomination form and posthumous nomination form can be downloaded at [www.oklahomaheritage.com](http://www.oklahomaheritage.com) under the Hall of Fame tab. Nomination forms are due to the Oklahoma Heritage Association by Friday, March 5.

The 2010 Hall of Fame inductees will be announced at a luncheon at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum on May 13. They will be inducted at the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual Oklahoma Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony on Nov. 4 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Tickets will go on sale in September.

The Oklahoma Heritage Association preserves Oklahoma's history and inspires pride in the state by supporting education, celebrating the accomplishments of Oklahomans and leading the industry in publishing books on Oklahoma history. Through each of its programs and the new Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum, the Association is dedicated to promoting Oklahoma's living history through its people.

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