

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1026

BY: PILGRIM of the HOUSE

and

HARRISON of the SENATE

AS INTRODUCED

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 19, 1991, THROUGH MAY 25, 1991, TO BE "JIM THORPE WEEK"; AND DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION.

WHEREAS, Wathahuck or "Bright Path" of the Thunder Clan, Sauk and Fox tribe, remembered and loved as Jim Thorpe, was born May 22, 1887, in Keokuk Falls, Indian Territory; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe, a true native son of Oklahoma, a descendant of a Sauk and Fox-Irish father and a Pottawatomie and Kickapoo-French mother, represents a blending of the diverse cultures and heritages that make up the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe distinguished himself as the greatest track and field performer at the World Olympics of 1912 in Stockholm, Sweden, winning the decathlon and pentathlon events and being named the "greatest athlete in the world" by King Gustav V of Sweden; and

WHEREAS, in 1917, Jim Thorpe sold his Sauk and Fox tribal land allotment to purchase a home for his family in Yale, Oklahoma, located in Payne County along U.S. Highway 51, halfway between Stillwater and Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to his athletic versatility, Jim Thorpe is heralded today as the greatest American athlete of the half century and the greatest football player of the half century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 43RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the week of May 19, 1991, through May 25, 1991, be declared "Jim Thorpe Week" in the State of Oklahoma to honor the memory of one of the state's greatest and most famous citizens.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the family of Jim Thorpe and to the Mayor of Yale, Oklahoma.

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