ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1038

By: Williams, Adair, Anthony, Apple, Bass, Bastin, Begley, Benson, Beutler, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Breckinridge, Bryant (James), Bryant (John), Caldwell, Campbell, Coleman, Cotner, Cox, Cozort, Crocker, Culver, Davis, Dunegan, Dunlap, Erwin, Fallin, Ferguson, Fields, Gates, Glover, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton (James), Hamilton (Jeff), Hefner, Henshaw, Hilliard, Holt, Hutchison, Isaac, Johnson (Glen), Johnson (Rob), Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Larason, Leist, Lucas, Maddox (Jim), Maddux (Elmer), Mass, Matlock, McCorkell, Mitchell, Monks, Monson, Paulk, Peltier, Phillips, Pope, Reese, Rhoads (Karroll), Rhodes (Dusty), Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Seikel, Settle, Smith (Bill), Smith (Dale), Smith (David), Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Stottlemyre, Sullivan, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Thornbrugh, Todd, Tyler, Vaughn (George), Vaughn (Ray), Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Widener, Worthen and York of the House

and

Williams (Penny) of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution declaring June 1993 as Chautauqua Month in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, "Chautauqua", according to Theodore Roosevelt, is the "most American thing in America"; and

WHEREAS, begun in 1874 as a Sunday school training seminar at a camp on Lake Chautauqua in southwestern New York, the Chautauqua

Program quickly expanded into a continent-wide education program; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua brings to life the pages of American history by giving audiences a chance to meet with various historical personalities characterized in a period presentation and perspective; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of Chautauqua offers American citizens of all ages the opportunity to spend time with the best scholars and thinkers of this nation out-of-doors in the Chautauqua tent; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 Great Plains Chautauqua Society's program is called the "American Renaissance" and is based on the literature and writers of that flowering of American writing in the mid-nineteenth century which is called the "American Renaissance", and will include portrayals of Herman Melville, Louisa May Alcott, Margaret Fuller, Frederick Douglass, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Walt Whitman and Henry David Thoreau. The American Renaissance Chautauqua will visit Seminole, June 4-8, 1993, and Chandler, June 11-15, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa's "Americans Abroad" Chautauqua will be setting up its tent and presenting its historical portrayals of Dorothy Parker, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Isadora Duncan, Ezra Pound and Gertrude Stein in Tulsa, June 4-8, 1993, and in Choctaw, June 11-15, 1993; and

WHEREAS, at each Chautauqua the historical personalities have a chance to speak their minds, to articulate the ideas that made them famous and to argue their positions. Then the members of the audience have an opportunity to question the characters and then to discuss with the scholars the eras from which their characters have come; and

WHEREAS, this free flow of communication between the audience, the historical personalities and the scholars provides challenging ideas about, and perspectives on, our own common cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Governor and the Legislature, acting on behalf of all the people of this great state, encourage and welcome educational and cultural programs such as the Great Plains Chautauqua Society's "American Renaissance" and the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa's "Americans Abroad".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Governor, the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate declare June 1993 as Chautauqua Month in Oklahoma and encourage state residents to take advantage of these cultural opportunities by attending these two model public humanities programs this summer.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of this state, the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities, the Choctaw Chamber of Commerce, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce, the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, the Great Plains Chautauqua Society, Seminole Junior College, the Lincoln County Arts and Humanities Council and the Choctaw/Nicoma Park School System.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of May, 1993.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1993.

President of the Senate