

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 25 By: Robinson, Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Monson, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution recognizing the contributions of Indian Territory, proclaiming August 21, 1995, as "Indian Territory Day"; encouraging the celebration of Indian Territory Day and attention being given to the event in history classes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma possesses a rich and varied history, founded by persons of diverse, multicultural heritages and formed by the union of the Indian and Oklahoma Territories. Indian Territory was composed of many distinct Native American Tribes and other groups who participated in the political, historical and cultural development, which ultimately led to the formation of this great state; and

WHEREAS, the constitution which was originally proposed for the State of Sequoyah became the framework for the new Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. Many Native American leaders from Indian Territory became political leaders in the newly formed State of Oklahoma. The Chair of the State Constitutional Convention was a member of the Chickasaw Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Native American culture has made tremendous contributions to the economic, cultural and social success of our state. Oklahomans take great pride and recognize the significant role that Indian Territory played in the history and development of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the major contribution the Indian Territory made in the historical and cultural development of our great state. The Oklahoma State Senate therefore proclaims August 21, 1995, and August 21 of each year thereafter, as "Indian Territory Day", celebrating the distinctive contributions made by the many Native American Tribes.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages that the celebration of Indian Territory Day be included in the official publication of the Calendar of Events and that appropriate attention be given to the event of Indian Territory Day in the teaching of Oklahoma history.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Chair of the Indian Affairs Commission, the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the President of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of May, 1995.

President of the Senate