

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 42 By: Mickle, Wilkerson, Stipe, Roberts, Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Monson, Muegge, Price, Robinson, Rozell, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Taylor, Weedn, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution memorializing the U.S. Department of Energy to keep open its maintenance office at Tupelo, Oklahoma; requesting all employees be transferred within the State of Oklahoma should the office be closed; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy is considering closing its maintenance facility at Tupelo, in Coal County, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, a December 1995 study of the potential relocation of the Tupelo staff concluded that the Tupelo office should be kept open. The study was not approved by the Southwestern Power Administration's senior management; and

WHEREAS, a second proposal dated January 18, 1996, suggested closing the Tupelo office; and

WHEREAS, closing the Tupelo, Oklahoma, facility would cause a hardship to the employees and the surrounding economy, and transferring the employees to out-of-state positions would compound the difficulties even more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate memorializes the United States Department of Energy to keep open its Maintenance Office at Tupelo, Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate memorializes the United States Department of Energy to transfer its employees within the State of Oklahoma should the office be closed.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy and the Southwestern Power Administration.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of March, 1996.

President of the Senate

