

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1093

By: Voskuhl

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating portions of State Highways 51 and 74 the "Angie Debo Memorial Highway"; directing Oklahoma Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Angie Debo, from Marshall, Oklahoma, was one of this state's greatest historians and writers who wrote nine books and numerous articles and whose writing served as one of the earliest published records of the history of American Indians in the 20th Century; and

WHEREAS, Angie Debo, born in 1890, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1918, earned her master's at the University of Chicago in 1924, and earned a Ph.D. in history at the University of Oklahoma in 1933, where the publication of her dissertation, "The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic", launched her writing career; and

WHEREAS, Angie Debo was a renowned scholar of Oklahoma and Native American history, whose works include "And Still the Waters Run: The Betrayal of the Five Civilized Tribes", "The Road to Disappearance: A History of the Creek Indians", and her final publication in 1976, "Geronimo: The Man, His Time, His Place"; and

WHEREAS, Angie Debo served as Oklahoma director of the Federal Writers Program as part of the Works Progress Administration in

1940-41 under President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and later served as curator of maps at the library of Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University); and

WHEREAS, Angie Debo was a recipient of the Charles Dunning Award, a national award and top honor for historians and was an inductee in the Oklahoma Historian Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Angie Debo died at the age of 98 on February 21, 1988, and she is the first woman and first scholar whose portrait hangs in the State Capitol in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Angie Debo made a significant contribution to the literature concerning Oklahoma and its citizens, and she was one of the most respected and best known librarians in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall home of Angie Debo has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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

THAT State Highway 51, from the junction of State Highways 51 and 74, west to the Kingfisher County line, and State Highway 74, from the junction of State Highways 51 and 74, north to the Garfield County line, be designated the "Angie Debo Memorial Highway" as a lasting memorial to the renowned scholar and historian.

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall cause permanent suitable markers to be placed upon the highways bearing the name.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Neal McCaleb, Secretary and Director of Transportation, and to the members of the State Transportation Commission.

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