SHORT TITLE: Historical Society; approving acquisition of land; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 9

By: Rozell of the Senate

and

Culver of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution approving the acquisition of property by the Oklahoma Historical Society pursuant to Section 1.9 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Section 1.9 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes requires legislative approval prior to acquisition or acceptance of the title to any locally owned historic or recreational site or improvements thereon by the Oklahoma Historical Society as authorized by Section 1.4 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

WHEREAS, as required by law, a proposal to acquire a tract of land north of the George M. Murrell Home at Park Hill in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, was made to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and the Board subsequently caused a study to evaluate the historical background and significance of the property, its educational value, accessibility and other factors the Board deemed pertinent, including an estimate of the cost of restoring the property if restoration is necessary, the cost of providing access to the property if additional access is necessary, and the cost of operating and maintaining the property for at least five fiscal years subsequent to the proposed date of acquisition of the property; and

WHEREAS, as required by law, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society submitted a written report of the

results of the study required in Section 1.9 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes to the Historic Preservation Review Committee to comply with rules and procedures prescribed by the United States Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Public Law 89-665; and

WHEREAS, as required by law, the Historic Preservation Review Committee evaluated the results of the study required by Section 1.9 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes and submitted a written recommendation as to the advisability of the acquisition to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society has approved and the Historic Preservation Review Committee has recommended the acquisition of the tract of land north of the George M. Murrell Home at Park Hill in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, by the Oklahoma Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, the George M. Murrell Home in Tahlequah is Oklahoma's oldest antebellum home and has been designated by the National Park Service as a National Historical Landmark, which is the highest level of national significance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has an obligation to preserve the historical integrity of the George M. Murrell Home site and its surrounding grounds, and acquisition of the property described in this resolution will allow the Oklahoma Historical Society to preserve the historical surroundings and to provide parking for public access to the site.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby approves the acquisition of the tract of land north of the George M. Murrell Home at Park Hill in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, more particularly described as the South 462.0 feet of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of

the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SE/4 SE/4 SW/4) Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 22 East, according to the U.S. Survey thereof, by the Oklahoma Historical Society as authorized by Section 1.4 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Executive Director and Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

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