ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 60

By: Haney of the Senate

and

Seikel of the House

A Concurrent Resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Arcadia Round Barn; praising the efforts of the Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society and the people of Arcadia; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1898 a barn was constructed in Arcadia, Oklahoma. The idea of a round barn was conceived by W. H. Odor who came to Oklahoma Territory as a settler during the Run of 1889. While there are many round barns in the United States, the Round Barn of Arcadia is the only one of its type. The barn is 60 feet in diameter and 43 feet from the foundation to the peak of the dome. The loft is nine feet high and 16 feet to the eaves. All the lumber and sheathing was native Burr Oak that was grown, cut and sawed on the J. H. Keeley farm at the corner of Hiawassee Road and Highway 66. Only the shingles, siding and flooring were purchased; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odor built special forms to correct curves for the rafters, and green wood was placed in the form of 'jigs'. When dried, they were then attached to the dome. The barn was the local meeting place for many years for box suppers and dances. Mr. Odor's favorite musician was M. E. Trapp, who was to later become Governor of Oklahoma. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Odor, the farm, including the Round Barn, was sold to Frank and Katie Vrana. The

Vrana family farmed the area and brought up their family on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Round Barn was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. In 1988 the Vrana heirs donated the Round Barn to the Arcadia Historical Society, Inc., which was formed for receiving and restoring the structure. It is the only wooden round barn in the State of Oklahoma. The barn has received visitors from all states and 20 foreign countries and is one of the most frequently visited historic places on Route 66. In October 1992, the Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society received national honors from the National Preservation Trust for their perseverance in restoration of the Arcadia Round Barn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Arcadia Round Barn.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the restoration efforts of the Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society and the people of Arcadia.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society; the Mayor of Arcadia, Oklahoma; and the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of April, 1998.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives