

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1015

By: Frame, Bryant, Beutler and
Boyd (Betty) of the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution approving the acquisition of property by the Oklahoma Historical Society; 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 four hundred forty-five (445) acres of land north of Rentiesville in McIntosh County, 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 land north of Rentiesville in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, by the Oklahoma Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War was a major event in the history of the territory and state, and the Honey Springs Battlefield is one of the most important sites in Oklahoma associated with the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, this acquisition will allow the Oklahoma Historical Society to connect two parcels of land already owned by the state into one contiguous battlefield park; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Historical Society has a federal grant to purchase all land and to build interpretive facilities and trails for public access to the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has testified before Congress that Honey Springs Battlefield Park should become a unit of the National Park Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby approves the acquisition of 445 acres of land on the Honey Springs Battlefield site, McIntosh County, more particularly described as:

Government Lot 1, Government Lot 2, S 1/2 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Blocks 1-10, 22, 28-30 of North Rentiesville Subdivision, W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/2, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 17 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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