

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1027

By: Staggs and Settle of the
House

and

Robinson of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 18, 1997, as "Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Day"; supporting the efforts to establish the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has a tremendous music history and has provided a wealth of talent, both past and present, to the music industry; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve the musical heritage of the state and to educate the public about the influence musicians from Oklahoma have had on popular music; and

WHEREAS, currently the state does not have a facility dedicated to recognizing those Oklahomans who have made a significant contribution to music in general or for preserving items associated with the total genre of musical heritage of the state; and

WHEREAS, a group of community volunteers from the City of Muskogee have established the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, Inc., with the goal of founding the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame and Museum facility on the campus of Northeastern State University in the City of Muskogee; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 1997, the first induction ceremony for the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame will be held in Muskogee, honoring Patti Page, Woody Guthrie, Merle Haggard and Claude "Fiddler" Williams as the first four inductees into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the evening events will include the initial induction ceremony, the awarding of the Governor's Special Achievement Award to Eddie Burris, a former drummer for Merle Haggard who helped write the song "Okie From Muskogee", and will conclude with performances by Patti Page, Merle Haggard and Claude Williams; in addition, selected musicians will perform a set of Woodie Guthrie songs; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised from this first induction ceremony will be the start of a statewide effort to fund the building of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Muskogee; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge and pride of the citizens of this state will be greatly enhanced by the recognition and establishment of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame.

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 declares April 18, 1997, as "Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Day".

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports the efforts of the community volunteers and the City of Muskogee in establishing the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Jim Bushnell, Mayor of the City of Muskogee; Dr. W. Roger Webb, President of Northeastern State University; Tony Kaai, Director of the Greater Muskogee Development Corporation; and to the members of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Committee.

