

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1019

By: Adair

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending and congratulating Stilwell, Oklahoma, on its 50th Annual Strawberry Festival and 100-year anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the 50th annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, May 10, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1949 adopted House Resolution 48 by Representative W.H. Langley which designated Stilwell, Oklahoma, as the Strawberry Capital of the World; and

WHEREAS, Stilwell and Adair County are nationally recognized for Stilwell strawberries and other agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the Stilwell Strawberry Festival illustrates the importance of agriculture to Adair County which is one of Oklahoma's top agricultural districts in percent of income from farming; and

WHEREAS, this year's festival includes a champion strawberry auction, servings of strawberries and ice cream, parade, all-school reunion, championship rodeo, and arts and crafts show; and

WHEREAS, the Stilwell Strawberry Festival is the number one tourist activity in Adair County and it annually attracts visitors from across the United States including many former residents of Stilwell and Adair County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stilwell, Oklahoma, was founded on January 2, 1897; and

WHEREAS, Stilwell became an important point on the Kansas City Southern Railroad System and the city was named in honor of the President of the railroad, Arthur Stilwell; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stilwell will celebrate its centennial on May 10, 1997, in conjunction with the 50th Annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends and congratulates Stilwell, Oklahoma, on its 50th Annual Strawberry Festival and on its 100-year anniversary.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of the City of Stilwell, W. Neil Morton, the Stilwell Chamber of Commerce and the Stilwell Kiwanis Club.

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