STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1060 By: Covey

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the City of Weatherford, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Cheyenne and Arapaho territory in western Oklahoma was opened to settlers in April 1892; and

WHEREAS, the William J. Weatherford family selected a quarter section of land in the area as their homestead; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherford family was very active in this new settlement by opening a school and holding church services and with Mrs. Weatherford serving as postmistress of the post office established in the area in 1893, and Mr. Weatherford serving as one of the first county commissioners and as a Deputy United States Marshal; and

WHEREAS, in early 1898, the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad located a railroad terminus approximately two miles from the Weatherford settlement; and

WHEREAS, Beeks Erick, a banker and entrepreneur, founded the present City of Weatherford in 1898 which was named after the Weatherford family; and

WHEREAS, the beginning of regular train service in November of 1898 made Weatherford a frontier boom town which earned it the reputation of being "wild and woolly"; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1900's, community leaders worked hard to have a state educational institution located in Weatherford and were able to establish Southwestern Normal School which is now known as Southwestern Oklahoma State University which is known nationwide for its School of Pharmacy and other programs; and

WHEREAS, since 1969, Weatherford has been the proud recipient of three plants built by the 3M Company and in 1996 the company spun off the Imation Company which has three divisions which employ more than 650 people; and

WHEREAS, Weatherford is a growing city with a rich past and a continuing bright future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Weatherford is celebrating its centennial in 1998 with the Weatherford Centennial Celebration scheduled for August 6 through 9, 1998.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors the City of Weatherford, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

That a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of Weatherford, the Oklahoma Municipal League and the Oklahoma Historical Society.

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