SHORT TITLE: Honoring the town of Jones, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 59

By: Haney of the Senate

and

Seikel of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the town of Jones, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Luther Aldrich platted the townsite of Jones, Oklahoma, on April 22, 1898, nine years after the first land run. The township was called "Jones" after Aldrich's silent partner, C. G. Jones, who was also President of the St. Louis and Oklahoma Railroad. The already-existing small community known as "Glaze" changed its name to "Jones" when Aldrich filed the town platt. The inhabitants believed that naming their town "Jones" would influence G. G. Jones to make the town a railroad depot for what would become the Frisco Railroad; and

WHEREAS, although the depot was never established, Jones prospered as a farming community, thriving on cotton, corn and wheat. Jones had two cotton gins and the only cotton huller in the state. During this period Jones shipped more fruit than any other town in the state and more broom corn than any other town in the county. Approximately 50,000 bushels of wheat and corn were shipped from Jones each year, as was more than $100,000 worth of hogs. By the mid 1920's, the population of Jones was near 5,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the first meeting to organize telephone service was held on April 6, 1906, at the city's opera house. A petition to incorporate Jones was initiated in 1908, and the election was held

early in 1909. The first town board meeting was held January 25, 1909. By 1916 a water system and an electric light plant were installed and operated by the city. In 1926 Jones became the first small town in the state to have a paved street in its business district; and

WHEREAS, today Jones, Oklahoma, has a population of approximately 2,424 consisting of 935 families. Jones, Oklahoma, 14 miles from the Oklahoma state capitol, abounds with wildlife such as rabbit, turtle, quail, deer, fox, coyote, opossum, snake, armadillo and bobcat. The Healy-Mulhausen Community Park in Jones still has its own duck-crossing sign.

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 honors the town of Jones, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of the town of Jones, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the Oklahoma Municipal League.

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