

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

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 62

By: Haney of the Senate

and

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AS INTRODUCED

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

WHEREAS, founded March 18, 1898, Luther was named for Luther Jones, the son of a well-known Oklahoma City industrialist and railroad developer. Transportation has played a key role in the development of Luther. From the early railroad days when the town was serviced by the Frisco and Katy Railroads, to the time when Highway 66 was a major artery in the national highway system, Luther was a bustling, thriving community; and

WHEREAS, the community, located on lands which were once part of the Kickapoo Reservation, was in what many referred to as "Old Oklahoma". Land in that part of Eastern Oklahoma County was opened for settlement in the famous land run of 1895. By the time Luther was founded three years later, nearly every 160 acre homestead had been occupied; and

WHEREAS, the first railroad that ran through Luther, the St. Louis and Oklahoma City Railroad Company, was completed from Tulsa to Oklahoma City on November 1, 1898. This railroad was later acquired by the Frisco Railroad. The Katy Railroad was built later. The charter for Luther's bank was issued April 25, 1899, and schools and churches followed quickly. The town grew rapidly. At one time Luther boasted two drugstores, two hardware stores, two doctors and

several churches. The Luther school opened its doors in 1901 and grew steadily in size; and

WHEREAS, today, Luther's outlook for growth and development looks brighter and brighter.

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 Luther, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of Luther, Oklahoma; the Luther Historical Society; the Oklahoma Municipal League; and the Oklahoma Historical Society.

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