

SHORT TITLE: Praising the City of Poteau; congratulating them on the occasion of their Centennial.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 93

By: Dickerson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution praising the City of Poteau; congratulating them on the occasion of their Centennial; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the City of Poteau, in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, has a population of approximately 7,500. Poteau is located in a valley surrounded by Sugar Loaf Mountain on one side and Cavanal Hill, the world's tallest hill, on the other. Poteau is also surrounded by several bodies of water, offering fishing and other water sports; and

WHEREAS, Poteau has a long, distinguished history. The Vikings were the first European visitors to the Poteau region. Artifacts of the Norsemen's visit are still in existence in the Poteau area. It is believed that Poteau could stand for "post" as it was originally a French trading post where furs and pelts were traded. It has served as a home to early French and American explorers, and was probably visited by Spanish explorers as well. Native Caddoan Indians were joined by the Choctaws who settled in this area as part of Indian Territory, giving Poteau a cultural diversity that is still evident today; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poteau is most well-known as the home of the Robert S. Kerr Museum and Kerr Conference Center, six miles southwest of Poteau and the Caboose Museum, which holds a collection of railroad the Western memorabilia and information about Poteau and LeFlore County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poteau will be celebrating its Centennial of its incorporation as a city on October 18, 1998.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the City of Poteau for its long and glorious history.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the City of Poteau upon the occasion of their Centennial and 100 years of progress.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of Poteau and the Poteau Chamber of Commerce.

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