

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1051

By: Collins

A Concurrent Resolution directing certain state agencies to work together to mark and maintain graves at Eastern State Hospital; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Eastern State Hospital has been providing mental health services to citizens of the State of Oklahoma since 1913; and

WHEREAS, since that time a number of persons have died while confined at Eastern State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, some of those less fortunate persons have been buried on the grounds of Eastern State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of funding, the graves of those desolate and friendless individuals have not been properly maintained or marked; and

WHEREAS, the future existence of Eastern State Hospital and the ability of that institution to maintain records regarding these unmarked graves is currently in peril.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that, on or before January 1, 2000, the Department of Corrections work with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide inmate labor to provide markers and the maintenance for the graves of those individuals buried on the grounds of Eastern State Hospital.

THAT all records regarding the graves at Eastern State Hospital should be transmitted to the Department of Corrections for safekeeping.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the
Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Services and the Director of the Department of Corrections.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of May,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

President of the Senate