

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1056

By: Cox and Toure of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution designating the bridge over Interstate 35 at Northeast 23rd Street as the "Dr. A.L. Dowell Bridge"; directing the Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. A.L. Dowell was the first African-American elected to the Oklahoma City Council, where he served with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A.L. Dowell initiated efforts that led to the full integration of the Oklahoma City public schools, the passing of the Oklahoma City fair housing ordinance, the hiring of the first African-American bus drivers, the hiring of the first African-American bank tellers at First National Bank, and many other firsts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A.L. Dowell has been an outstanding optometrist in Oklahoma since 1953; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A.L. Dowell has served as a bridge, dedicating his life to the cause of freedom, justice and equality for all citizens in our state;

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

THAT the bridge over Interstate 35 at Northeast 23rd Street be designated the "Dr. A.L. Dowell Bridge" as a lasting tribute to Dr. Dowell.

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall cause permanent suitable markers to be placed upon the bridge bearing the name.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Dr. A.L. Dowell, Neal McCaleb, Secretary and Director of the Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys and the Oklahoma City Council.

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