

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1032\_\_\_\_

By: Collins

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution requesting the Oklahoma Historical Society to declare the Indian Meridian Initial Point a historical site; requesting the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to erect a suitable road to a certain site; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, one of the most important assets of Oklahoma is its land; and

WHEREAS, each parcel of land must receive its measurements from a base point; and

WHEREAS, every deed or lease in Oklahoma must contain this initial base point; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Meridian Initial Point of Oklahoma measures every inch of land in Oklahoma except the three Panhandle counties; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Meridian Initial Point marks the intersection of the Indian Meridian extending north and south and the Indian Base Line extending east and west; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Meridian Initial Point was marked in 1870 by a sandstone rock marked on its west side with "I.P." and on its east side with "Ind. Mer." and on its north side with "1870" and was set in a mound of stones six feet in diameter and three feet high; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Meridian Initial Point is on the boundary line between Garvin and Murray Counties, 1.5 miles south of historic Fort Arbuckle and is unreachable by conventional motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, this origin of the State of Oklahoma land measurements is of great historical value and has been grossly neglected throughout the years.

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

SECTION 1. The Oklahoma Historical Society is requested to declare the Indian Meridian Initial Point an Oklahoma Historical Site and is requested to report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate on or before January 1, 2000.

SECTION 2. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is requested to establish a suitable road to the Indian Meridian Initial Point which is on the boundary between Garvin and Murray Counties.

SECTION 3. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the following agencies and individuals: The Oklahoma Historical Society; the Oklahoma Department of Transportation; and Mrs. J.C. Luster, Mrs. Dick Grant, R.D. Castoe and the Weiss and Hybacek Ranch, all of Davis, Oklahoma.

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