

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1059\_\_

By: Toure, Cox and Ross of the  
House

and

Horner and Monson of the  
Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the first African-American students to attend the graduate schools of the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, shortly after statehood the Oklahoma Legislature passed a series of statutes establishing the regrettable policy of racial segregation in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature ended racial segregation of the graduate schools of the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University in 1949 with passage of House Bill No. 405; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon passage of House Bill No. 405, a number of African-American students enrolled in the graduate schools of the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University, thereby breaking the "color line"; and

WHEREAS, these students who broke the "color line" at the graduate schools of the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University helped to dismantle the policy of racial segregation and discrimination in Oklahoma and throughout the United States of America.

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 courageous citizens of the State of Oklahoma who integrated the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University be recognized for their contributions to the development of our state as a place where freedom, justice and equality exists for all citizens.

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

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