

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 41

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution congratulating the town of Bokoshe, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its centennial; extending best wishes to Bokoshe for its next 100 years; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, according to historians, the original town of Bokoshe, Oklahoma, was located northwest of the present townsite, a half mile north past the Old Bokoshe Cemetery in Le Flore county. At that time the town was known as "Shakerag"; and

WHEREAS, "Bokoshe" is a Choctaw name meaning "Little Creek". While it is not known when Bokoshe moved to its present site, the present townsite was incorporated in April 1899; and

WHEREAS, initially, farming and cattle were the occupation of much of Bokoshe's population. Coal mining brought in the railroads and the majority of the population. At the height of the coal boom, there were 43 coal mines in the Bokoshe area. For over 50 years, Bokoshe was a thriving coal mining town and was known as the "Home of Bokoshe Smokeless Coal"; and

WHEREAS, today Bokoshe, Oklahoma, has a population of approximately 500 people while Bokoshe Public Schools have an enrollment exceeding 250 pupils.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the town of Bokoshe, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its centennial.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends to the town of Bokoshe, Oklahoma, best wishes for its next 100 years.

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to Bob Copeland, Mayor of the town of Bokoshe, Oklahoma.

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