

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1059

By: Hilliard, Adair, Adkins, Askins,
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Cargill, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Corn,
Covey, Cox, Dank, Davis,
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Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood,
Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hutchison,
Ingmire, Jones, Kirby, Langmacher,
Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass,
Matlock, McCarter, Miller (Doug),
Miller (Ray), Mitchell, Morgan, Nance,
Nations, Newport, O'Neal, Paulk,
Perry, Peters, Peterson, Pettigrew,
Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay),
Pope (Tim), Rice, Roach, Roan,
Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Smaligo, Smith
(Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs,
Stanley, Steele, Stites (Chad), Stites
(J.T.), Sullivan, Sweeden, Taylor,
Tibbs, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn,
Walker, Webb, Wells, Wilson, Wilt,
Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young
of the House

and

Crutchfield of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Sulphur Springs Reservation; acknowledging the significance of the area; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100-year anniversary of the establishment of Sulphur Springs Reservation, which became Platt National Park, the first national park in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1890s, the town of Sulphur Springs grew around the fresh and mineral water springs in the area, where settlers built hotels and bathhouses to capitalize on the medicinal qualities of the mineral waters; and

WHEREAS, around the turn of the century, a few residents of the area and the Chickasaw Nation, concerned about keeping the area and

springs accessible to all people for all time, begin discussing the idea of preserving the springs; and

WHEREAS, in 1902, the Chickasaw Nation agreed to sell 640 acres within the Chickasaw Nation, which included all the springs, to the government which named the area Sulphur Springs Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the springs and streams located in Sulphur Springs Reservation, currently designated the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, originate from one of the most complex geological and hydrological features in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the area of the Sulphur Springs Reservation holds within its boundaries a vast diversity of natural resources, including unique flora, fauna, waters, and geological formations; and

WHEREAS, today the Sulphur Springs Reservation area provides opportunities to participate in a wide range of outdoor experiences which includes swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, observing nature, hunting, camping, and picnicking and is one of the most heavily visited parks for its size in the National Park System with 3.4 million visitors a year; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the Sulphur Springs Reservation will be celebrated in the historic Flower Park area of Chickasaw National Recreation Area on Saturday, April 27, 2002; and

WHEREAS, anniversary celebration activities will include old-fashioned games, historically costumed characters, and short historical vignettes depicting the 1902 time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Sulphur Springs Reservation and acknowledges with great pride the historical, environmental, and recreational significance of the area.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to the Superintendent of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and the Mayor of the City of Sulphur.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate