(1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF THE 48TH LEGISLATURE)
ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1X

By: Harrison of the Senate

and

Sweeden, Blackburn, Braddock, Easley, Fields, Gilbert, Kirby, Nations, Paulk, Pope (Clay), Smith (Dale), Stites and Turner of the House

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Department of Transportation to name a new bridge after T. N. Barnsdall; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Theodore N. Barnsdall was a major figure in the development of the petroleum industry in Oklahoma. Not only did he drill the second successful commercial oil well in the United States in 1859, but the Barnsdall Oil Company was a prominent player in the development of oil in the Osage Nation; and

WHEREAS, T. N. Barnsdall, the world's first refiner, was a close friend of Osage Chief James Bigheart and named the current community of Barnsdall "Bigheart" to honor his Native American comrade. Later the name was changed to "Barnsdall" which still proudly bears the name today; and

WHEREAS, T. N. Barnsdall worked with and employed some of the legendary oilmen of this state. When he finally sold Barnsdall Oil Company, it became the core of what was to become Cities Service Oil Company. Both the Barnsdall Art Park in Los Angeles, California, and the riverboat "T. N. Barnsdall", launched in 1890, were named in his honor. The Hollyhock House in the Barnsdall Art Park was the first Los Angeles project of Frank Lloyd Wright and was built for Aline Barnsdall. The riverboat "T. N. Barnsdall" was a wooden hull sternwheeler which operated from 1890 until 1904 when it was renamed "Royal"; and

WHEREAS, the new bridge over Bird Creek at the southeastern edge of Barnsdall is a two-lane bridge and replaces a narrow, one-lane truss bridge. This new structure, which cost over $2 million, is a fitting tribute to both the community and the man who founded it, T. N. Barnsdall, a pioneer in the development of petroleum in Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature directs the Department of Transportation to name the new bridge over Bird Creek at the entrance to the community of Barnsdall, Oklahoma, the "T. N. Barnsdall Bridge" and erect suitable markers.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Transportation and the Barnsdall City Council.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of October, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 2nd day of October, 2001.

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