ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 18

By: Kerr of the Senate

and

Braddock of the House

A Joint Resolution relating to designation of Jackson County as a Foreign Trade Zone; citing authority under federal and state law to provide designation; stating effect of designation as Foreign Trade Zone; stating legislative intent with respect to designation; making and declaring designation of Jackson County as qualifying for a grant of authority to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone; stating intent with respect to requirements of federal law; stating source of authority for designation; and directing filing.

WHEREAS, federal law provides for the ability of states and other government jurisdictions to assist in the process for designating certain areas as Foreign Trade Zones; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 19 U.S.C., Sections 81a et seq., and federal administrative regulations enacted pursuant to federal law contain authorization for the State of Oklahoma to designate areas within its borders as qualifying for a grant of authority to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Jackson County as a Foreign Trade Zone would promote the use of this county by persons and business entities seeking a viable location to conduct profitable and desirable business enterprises by reducing the cost of doing business for such enterprises; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 36 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma is granted the right to enact laws relating to any rightful subject of legislation; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Foreign Trade Zone Act and implementing regulations require enabling legislation as part of the application process to establish a "free trade zone".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the area of the State of Oklahoma commonly referred to as Jackson County located within the border of the State of Oklahoma is hereby designated by the State of Oklahoma as qualifying for a grant of authority by the appropriate officials of government of the United States to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature intends that this Joint Resolution fulfill the requirements of 19 C.F.R. Section 400.22(c), 19 C.F.R. Section 400.24(d)(i) and such other requirements of federal law as may exist for the designation of Jackson County as qualifying for a grant of authority to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone.

THAT the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to an Act of Congress dated May 2, 1890, 26 U.S. St. at Large, pp. 81-100, an Act of Congress dated June 16, 1906, 34 U.S. St. at Large, pp. 267-278, and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma adopted in Convention at Guthrie, Oklahoma on July 16, 1907, and ratified September 17, 1907, which Constitution became effective upon November 16, 1907, is duly constituted to make the designation contained in this Joint Resolution.

THAT upon enactment of this Joint Resolution copies be filed with the Secretary of State.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives