ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1009

By: Bonny, Adair, Blackburn, Braddock, Brannon, Carey, Covey, Cox, Deutschendorf, Dorman, Easley, Ellis, Erwin, Gilbert, Hamilton, Harrison, Hutchison, Lamons, Leist, Lerblance, Lindley, McClain, McIntyre, Miller (Ray), Mitchell, Morgan (Danny), Nance, Nations, Paulk, Pettigrew, Pope, Rice, Roan, Roberts, Roggow, Smith (Dale), Smithson, Staggs, Stanley, Taylor, Turner, Tyler, Walker, Wilson, Winchester and Young of the House

and

Johnson, Aldridge, Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gumm, Harrison, Helton, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich, Littlefield, Maddox, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Price, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams and Williamson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution applauding Historic Fort Reno, Inc., for their hard work and dedication; urging Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation to support certain federal funding; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in the words of one of our greatest statesmen, Thomas Jefferson, "A morsel of genuine history is a thing so rare as to be always valuable"; and

WHEREAS, Fort Reno is considered by many to be a valuable historic site in Oklahoma, encompassing 45 rare and vintage structures around the historic fort quadrangle; and

WHEREAS, Fort Reno, a unique Oklahoma treasure, was established as an Oklahoma Territory Military Post in 1874 and initially was charged with maintaining peace in the central plains; and

WHEREAS, Fort Reno played a very important role in the frontier settlement of Oklahoma Territory and has played key roles in each

phase of Oklahoma's transition from territorial days to modern times; and

WHEREAS, over the years, time has taken its toll causing extensive deterioration of these 45 irreplaceable structures, requiring extensive restoration and preservation; and

WHEREAS, recently the Board of Directors of Historic Fort Reno, Inc., requested federal appropriations to restore these 45 structures at Fort Reno thus preventing the loss of this site of genuine Oklahoma history.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature applauds Historic Fort Reno, Inc., for their hard work and dedication to preserving an important historic resource and valuable treasure in our state, Fort Reno and the 45 rare structures located at this site.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to support critical federal funding for the necessary restoration and preservation of these buildings located at Fort Reno thereby saving a valuable Oklahoma historic site, and in the process, improving tourism and economic development potential.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and to each Board member of Historic Fort Reno, Inc.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate