

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 22

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A Resolution celebrating 100 years of ministry in Oklahoma by declaring Saturday May 3, 2003, "Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children Day"; commending the Owasso Baptist Children's Home upon their 30th anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1903, four years before the territory of Oklahoma would officially become the 46th state, Baptists saw the need to provide homes, hope, and help to children. That was the beginning of the Oklahoma Baptist Orphans home. Since that time over ten thousand children have found hope and help in Baptist homes. This year, communities all across Oklahoma will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 3, 2003, the Owasso Campus of the Baptist Children's Home will celebrate its 30th anniversary at their campus in Owasso, Oklahoma. Everyone in Owasso and the surrounding communities is invited to this free celebration which will include music, activities, food, and fun for the entire family. Escorted tours of an individual residential cottage will also be available the day of the celebration; and

WHEREAS, Owasso Baptist Children's Home continues to provide services to the people of Oklahoma by providing space for 40 children on campus and operating the toll-free Help Line, which takes calls from coast to coast and offers assistance in finding help for children and their families. On May 3, 2003, they will open their Adolescent Mother and Child apartments which will be used for young mothers in transition from cottage settings to an independent lifestyle with their children. It will be operated in

conjunction with the Hope Home, which offers maternity care to young women; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 3, 2003, the Owasso Baptist Children's Home will celebrate 100 years of homes, hope, and help in Oklahoma and 30 years of service in Owasso, Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate celebrates 100 years of ministry in Oklahoma by declaring Saturday, May 3, 2003, "Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children Day".

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the Owasso Baptist Children's Home upon the occasion of its 30th anniversary on May 3, 2003.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Baptist Home in Owasso, Oklahoma.

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate