

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 75

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Riley, Robinson, Rozell,
Shurden, Smith, Snyder,
Taylor, Wilcoxson,
Wilkerson, Williams and
Williamson

A Resolution declaring Tuesday, June 8, 2004, "Big Lots! Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Big Lots! is a Fortune 500 Company with annual revenues exceeding \$4 billion. Founded in 1976, the company employs more than 40,000 associates across the United States. They currently operate over 1,400 stores in 45 states including 16 retail outlets in Oklahoma. Their stores are located across the country in both large and small cities and in all kinds of neighborhoods. The stores range in size from 20,000 to 60,000 square feet, with annual per-store sales averaging \$2.85 million. Regional distribution centers throughout the country range in size from one million to three million square feet and provide the company's stores with brand name products from more than 3,000 manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, Big Lots! chose Durant, Oklahoma, as the site for a new \$65 million distribution center. The 1.2 million square foot distribution center is expected to ultimately create 500 new jobs and service the company's stores in the South Central United States; and

WHEREAS, Big Lots! conducted a rigorous search before selecting Durant for their project. Durant met their strategic plan for existing store base and future growth. Durant was also attractive for its down-home appeal. Big Lots! executives were impressed with the hard-working, dedicated, and diligent people living in Durant, as well as their enthusiasm in expressing their desire to become

associates with the company. The united display of support from throughout the community was unprecedented. The company also found that Durant has a very proactive business environment and is closely connected to urban areas such as Oklahoma City and Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, the grand opening of the Big Lots! fifth regional distribution center in Durant, Oklahoma, will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares Tuesday, June 8, 2004, "Big Lots! Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Chief Executive Officer of Big Lots! and the Manager of the Big Lots! Regional Distribution Center in Durant, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate