

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION HCR1059:

Adair of the House

and

Hobson of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending and applauding the accomplishments of Oklahoma's distinguished CareerTech system; declaring the year 2004 as the centennial year of the system; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1904, teacher H. F. Rusch, with the support and encouragement of Oklahoma City's superintendent of schools, Edgar Vaught, initiated the first manual training program in an Oklahoma public school; and

WHEREAS, prior to Oklahoma's statehood in 1907, schools in Lawton, Comanche, Ardmore and Muskogee adopted Oklahoma City's successful programs, and some 90 Oklahoma schools followed prior to the inception of the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917, which made federal funding available for these programs; and

WHEREAS, the 1957 Soviet launching of "Sputnik" brought about a fear that the Free World had never experienced, prompting America's government and education leaders to begin a technical education initiative which led to the National Vocational Education Act and the subsequent establishment of Oklahoma's area schools, now known as technology centers; and

WHEREAS, those served by Oklahoma's Career and Technology Education system include middle school and high school students in comprehensive schools, high school juniors and seniors, full-time adult students retraining for new careers, part-time adult students

upgrading their skills, part-time adult students learning new skills and leisure-time activities and businesses and industries via customized training, all through technology centers, and incarcerated adults and juveniles through CareerTech skills centers; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's CareerTech system has become a national and international model for applied instruction; and

WHEREAS, the system has contributed immeasurably to the economic development of the State of Oklahoma through the customized training programs and services it offers to existing businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, it has also become one of Oklahoma's top incentives to attract businesses from other states through the wide variety of training and services it offers.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends and applauds Oklahoma's CareerTech system for its exceptional contributions to Oklahoma and to all Oklahomans during its first one hundred years and wishes the system well as it begins its next century of service.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State Board of Career and Technology Education.

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