STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 52

By: Brogdon of the Senate

and

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Owasso, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its Centennial; designating March 26, 2004, "Owasso Centennial Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Owasso, Oklahoma, first known as the Elm Creek Settlement, was located in the Cooweescoowee District of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, near what is now the southwest corner of present-day Owasso. With the coming of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, the settlement began moving three miles to the northwest to an area around the newly constructed depot. The first train rolled into the settlement on November 1, 1899, the end of the line at that time, where it turned around and headed back north to Kansas. On January 24, 1900, the name of the settlement was changed to Owasso, an Osage word meaning "the end" or "turn around". A plat for the Town of Owasso, Cherokee Nation, I.T. (Indian Territory), was signed by Ethan Allen Hitchcock, United States Secretary of the Interior, on March 26, 1904, in connection with the town's incorporation. The town was chartered as a city on September 28, 1972. Owasso adopted the "End of the Trail" as its official symbol or logo, which is found in many places, from police badges to a large mural on the side of the Owasso Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, Owasso is one of the fastest growing cities in Oklahoma. This growth prompted the formation of the Owasso Economic Development Authority (OEDA) in 1987. Owasso residents are committed to community involvement, some of which includes the Arts and Humanities Council of Owasso, the Owasso Historical Society, the Pride of Owasso Marching Band (which marched in the Rose Parade on January 1, 2004), the Miss Owasso Scholarship Pageant, the Trail Days Festival, and the Christmas Parade. Owasso has been selected as the site for a new Tulsa Technology Center Campus; and

WHEREAS, improvements during the last ten years include an 18-hole municipal golf course, a 77-acre sports complex, a new library, a new city hall and police station facility, and a new medical center, as well as many new businesses and schools. Additional recreational opportunities are conveniently located at many of the area lakes; and

WHEREAS, Owasso, Oklahoma, will kick off its centennial celebration on Friday, March 26, 2004, with the cutting of a ceremonial birthday cake, and speeches by various elected officials. The centennial celebration will continue, with numerous events scheduled, through the weekend of July 4, 2004. The official celebration will conclude with a huge fireworks display.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the City of Owasso, Oklahoma, upon the occasion of its Centennial.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates Friday, March 26, 2004, as “Owasso Centennial Day” in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Owasso, Oklahoma Mayor, Gary Cochran.