

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 73

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A Resolution declaring Friday, May 21, 2004,
"Cardinal Glass Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, a clear focus on high quality float and tempered glass, high performance coated and laminated glass, and the long-term durability for insulating glass has resulted in Cardinal Glass being recognized as the leader in glass. Utilizing state-of-the-art factories, production control systems, and dedicated centers of research and development, Cardinal develops products and technologies to keep its customers' windows at the forefront of residential glass; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Glass Industries is committed to the conservation of America's energy resources, believing that environmental stewardship is the key to a national future which will provide affordable heating and cooling options for us all. To further this goal, Cardinal has led in the research and manufacturing of window glass which is specifically designed to reduce heat loss and/or prevent heat gain, thereby using less energy to either heat or cool our homes; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, Cardinal selected Durant, Oklahoma, as the site for its fourth float glass operation, after Durant officials and the State of Oklahoma economic development group had worked diligently to earn the selection. The plant is designed to melt 600 tons of glass daily on a continuous basis and will be serving markets in Texas, Mexico, and as far north as Iowa; and

WHEREAS, last year the ground-breaking ceremony was attended by over 300 people, including Governor Brad Henry and other state and local dignitaries. The \$100 million investment in Bryan County will employ 240 workers and most of the plant employees will be hired locally. The area will benefit economically, as the plant will provide an annual payroll of over \$7 million. When completed, the factory will span some 600,000 square feet and occupy 80 acres; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 21, 2004, the official lighting of the furnace will occur and bring the factory on-line.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares Friday, May 21, 2004, "Cardinal Glass Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Rich Valtierra, Production Manager and CEO of the Cardinal Glass plant in Durant, Oklahoma.

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