

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 42

By: Garrison, Eason McIntyre and Johnson
(Constance) of the Senate

and

Shoemake, Turner, Toure, Shelton,
Staggs, McPeak, Shumate, Rousselot,
Adkins, Armes, Askins, Auffet,
Balkman, Banz, Benge, Billy,
Bingman, Blackburn, Blackwell,
Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Calvey,
Carey, Cargill, Case, Coody,
Cooksey, Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney,
DePue, Deutschendorf, DeWitt,
Dorman, Duncan, Eddins, Ellis,
Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison,
Hastings, Hickman, Hiett, Hilliard,
Hyman, Ingmire, Jackson, Jett,
Johnson, Jones, Kern, Kiesel,
Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Liotta,
Martin, Mass, McCarter, McDaniel,
McMullen, Miller (Doug), Miller
(Ken), Miller (Ray), Morgan (Danny),
Morgan (Fred), Morrisette, Nance,
Nations, Newport, Perry, Peters,
Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron),
Piatt, Plunk, Pruett, Reynolds,
Richardson, Roan, Roggow, Sherrer,
Smaligo, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan,
Sweeden, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs,
Trebilcock, Walker, Wesselhoft,
Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright
and Young of the House

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the restoration of
Black towns; endorsing the use of OneNet for this
process; recommending a site and accountability; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's All-Black towns represent a unique chapter
in American history. From 1865 to 1920, African Americans created
more than fifty identifiable towns and settlements. However, today
only thirteen of the All-Black towns still survive, but their legacy
of economic and political freedom is well remembered; and

WHEREAS, the "Let Us Rise Up and Build" program has as its
purpose the restoration of Oklahoma's Black towns by providing

economic opportunities through various state and federal agencies currently existing for rural development. This goal complements Governor Brad Henry's State of the Workforce Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, designed as a true public/private partnership between the State of Oklahoma and the private telecommunications industry, OneNet utilizes cutting-edge fiber optics and wireless technologies to allow its users to seamlessly and securely transmit high-resolution video, voice, and data over a single, shared network; and

WHEREAS, the Muskogee Educational Consortium, due to its location and capability to deliver these services, would be a prime candidate to provide and coordinate the educational offerings, as well as the responsibility for reporting and providing fiscal accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports the revitalization and restoration of Oklahoma's historical Black towns through the "Let Us Rise Up and Build" program.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature endorses the use of OneNet to provide a telecommunications and information network for this process.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recommends that the Muskogee Educational Consortium provide and coordinate the educational offerings and that the Consortium report fiscal accountability to the Department of Commerce.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of Oklahoma, the Honorable Brad Henry, and Dr. Donnie L. Nero, President, Connors State College.

Adopted by the Senate the 9th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives