

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 78

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Taylor, Wilcoxson,
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A Resolution declaring the Oklahoma communities of Krebs and McAlester the "Italian Capital of Oklahoma"; welcoming the McAlester Chamber of Commerce and designating April 11, 2006, "Krebs/McAlester Italian Appreciation Day" at the State Capitol; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, many people of Italian heritage immigrated to America in search of honest work and a better way of life. They often found a means of making a living by the hard work in the frequently dangerous coal mines in the Krebs/McAlester area of what was then Indian Territory; and

WHEREAS, some in the Italian community in the Krebs/McAlester area opened their homes to serve home-cooked Italian meals to the coal miners, who endured long, backbreaking days in the mines; and

WHEREAS, the Italian community in the Krebs/McAlester area flourished over the years; and some of the finest family-style Italian restaurants in America were established in the area.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares the Oklahoma communities of Krebs and McAlester the "Italian Capital of Oklahoma".

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate welcomes the McAlester Chamber of Commerce and designates April 11, 2006, "Krebs/McAlester Italian Appreciation Day" at the State Capitol.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Mayors of Krebs and McAlester and the McAlester Chamber of Commerce.

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of April, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate