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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Senate Joint
Resolution No. 4

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 - By: GUMM of the Senate and CAREY of the House.

A Joint Resolution designating of Bryan County as a Foreign Trade Zone; citing authority under federal and state law to provide designation; stating effect of designation as Foreign Trade Zone; stating legislative intent with respect to designation; making and declaring designation of Bryan County as qualifying for a grant of authority to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone; stating intent with respect to requirements of federal law; stating source of authority for designation; and directing filing.

WHEREAS, federal law provides for the ability of states and other government jurisdictions to assist in the process for designating certain areas as Foreign Trade Zones; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 19 U.S.C., Sections 81a et seq., and federal administrative regulations enacted pursuant to federal law contain authorization for the State of Oklahoma to designate areas within its borders as qualifying for a grant of authority to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Bryan County as a Foreign Trade Zone would promote the use of this county by persons and business entities seeking a viable location to conduct profitable and

1 desirable business enterprises by reducing the cost of doing
2 business for such enterprises; and

3 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 36 of Article V of the Oklahoma
4 Constitution, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma is granted
5 the right to enact laws relating to any rightful subject of
6 legislation; and

7 WHEREAS, the provisions of the Foreign Trade Zone Act and
8 implementing regulations require enabling legislation as part of the
9 application process to establish a "free trade zone".

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the area of the State of Oklahoma commonly referred to as
13 Bryan County located within the border of the State of Oklahoma is
14 hereby designated by the State of Oklahoma as qualifying for a grant
15 of authority by the appropriate officials of the government of the
16 United States to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone.

17 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature intends that this Joint Resolution
18 fulfill the requirements of 15 C.F.R., Section 400.22, 15 C.F.R.,
19 Section 400.24(d)(i), and such other requirements of federal law as
20 may exist for the designation of Bryan County as qualifying for a
21 grant of authority to operate as a Foreign Trade Zone.

22 THAT the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to an Act of Congress dated
23 May 2, 1890, 26 U.S. St. at Large, pp. 81-100, an Act of Congress

1 dated June 16, 1906, 34 U.S. St. at Large, pp. 267-278, and the
2 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma adopted in Convention at
3 Guthrie, Oklahoma, on July 16, 1907, and ratified September 17,
4 1907, which Constitution became effective upon November 16, 1907, is
5 duly constituted to make the designation contained in this Joint
6 Resolution.

7 THAT upon enactment of this Joint Resolution copies be filed
8 with the Secretary of State.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, dated 2-22-05 - DO PASS,
10 As Coauthored.