

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1027

By: Covey, McMullen and
Richardson of the House

and

Justice of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the El Reno Carnegie Library building on its 100th birthday; commending the El Reno Library on their service to the community; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, On January 28, 1904, the El Reno Library Board accepted a Carnegie grant and on May 5, 1905, the El Reno Carnegie Library building was completed and became the fourth Carnegie Library in the Oklahoma Territory; and

WHEREAS, the El Reno Carnegie Library building is the oldest still being used as a library in the State of Oklahoma, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and includes the original embossed tin ceilings, marble lobby and stairs and decorative terra cotta plasterwork; and

WHEREAS, the El Reno Library houses nationally recognized Edna May Arnold Archives that promotes local history including the history of Fort Reno, the Rock Island Railroad, and original hand drawing from the 1901 land run; and

WHEREAS, the El Reno independent library was the original founder of L.E.A.P. (Library Enrichment Arts Program) that encourages children to become involved in the library and the arts and continues to provide story hour for children from 20 months through grade five.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature honors the El Reno Carnegie
Library building on its 100th birthday.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends the El Reno Library for
its tireless service to the community and its stewardship over the
valuable history in maintaining the building and the nationally
recognized Edna May Arnold Archives.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expresses its gratitude to the El
Reno Library for the essential purpose they serve in and for the
community.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the El Reno
Carnegie Library.

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