

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1065

By: Hilliard of the House

and

Crutchfield of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Historic Platt National Park Centennial Celebration; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Historic Platt National Park Centennial Celebration will be commemorated from June 17 through June 29, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw National Recreation Area began in 1902 as Sulphur Springs Reservation and through federal legislation the name was changed on June 29, 1906, to Platt National Park establishing the seventh National Park in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 legislation combined Platt National Park and Arbuckle Recreation Area to provide outdoor use and recreation and a more efficient administration to contribute to the scenic, scientific, natural and historic values in a manner befitting memorialization of the Chickasaw Indian Nation; and

WHEREAS, today the Park is named to honor the Chickasaw Indian Nation, the original occupants of this land, which they called the Peaceful Valley of Rippling Waters; and

WHEREAS, from prehistoric times to the present, access to the combination of cool water, mineral springs, cool breezes, shade, and wildlife has created at Chickasaw National Recreation Area an experience that sets it apart from the surrounding environment; and

WHEREAS, the springs and streams of Chickasaw come from one of the most complex geological and hydrological features in the United States and these resources have been economically and environmentally significant throughout the history of the region, and are valuable for scientific research; and

WHEREAS, each year 1.5 million people visit the Chickasaw National Recreation Area to enjoy the natural beauty and refreshing springs, while camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, skiing, hunting as well as many other recreational activities.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizing the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Historic Platt National Park Centennial Celebration as June 17, 2006, through June 29, 2006.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature praises these conservators of one of our nation's most complex geological and hydrological areas.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages its citizens to enjoy spending quality family time in our states first and largest national park that is also the seventh oldest national park in the Nation.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the Chickasaw Nation, the City of Sulphur, and the Sulphur Chamber of Commerce.

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