STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 15

By: Morgan of the Senate

and

DePue of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the historical significance of Guthrie, Oklahoma; designating Guthrie an Official Centennial Site; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Guthrie, Oklahoma, is an important part of Oklahoma's dynamic history. As the Territorial Capitol, Guthrie was a vibrant center of activity where culture and the wide-open West came together. The turn-of-the-century Victorian buildings and brick streets remain today as the city continues to celebrate its heritage; and

WHEREAS, Guthrie, Oklahoma, is home to the Oklahoma Territorial Museum and Carnegie Library, the Oklahoma State Capital Publishing Museum, the National Four-String Banjo Hall of Fame Museum, the Oklahoma Sports Museum, the Oklahoma Frontier Drug Store Museum, the Guthrie Scottish Rite Museum, the International Model Railroad and Automobile Museum, the National Lighter Museum, the Sundown Gallery, the Pollard Theatre, the Pollard Inn and many other institutions of art, education, historical significance, and elucidation; and

WHEREAS, Guthrie is also the home of and host to a large number of festivals and celebrations including the Territorial Christmas Celebration, the Guthrie Jazz Banjo Festival, the 89er Day Celebration, the Guthrie Roads Celebration, the Oklahoma

International Bluegrass Festival, two Art Walks each year, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Guthrie, Oklahoma, has been designated as a National Historic Landmark Community by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Guthrie is also known as the "Williamsburg of the West" and the "Bed and Breakfast Capital of Oklahoma". Guthrie, Oklahoma, contains one of America's largest contiguous urban National Register Historic Districts. With the advent of Oklahoma's centennial celebration as a state, the City of Guthrie stands ready to play an official role as an Official Centennial Site.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the historical significance of the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma, the state's Territorial Capitol, as an important repository of essential historical artifacts, documents, and buildings that are indispensable for the appropriate observance of Oklahoma's centennial celebration as a state.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma, an Official Centennial Site.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission, the Oklahoma Historical Society, and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

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