

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 40

By: Garrison, Lerblance,  
Shurden, Lawler, Wyrick,  
Anderson and Crutchfield of  
the Senate

and

McPeak, Shumate and  
Rousselot of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring Oklahoma agriculture; proclaiming a two-year celebration in conjunction with the state centennial; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, before there was statehood there was agriculture. The Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch Program was implemented to honor Oklahoma's rural families. Qualification for the Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch program requires that a family's farm or ranch must have been occupied by a family member for at least 100 years, be a working farm or ranch of at least 40 acres, have gross yearly sales of at least \$1,000, and be operated by a family member, lived on by a family member, or leased out by a family member 65 years of age or older. From 1989 through 2001, more than 700 families received the Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch Program award. Ninety of these families also qualified for the program's Historic Structures Award, which indicates that at least four buildings or structures more than 50 years old remain on the farm or ranch; and

WHEREAS, as the State of Oklahoma nears its centennial it is appropriate to remember the initial contribution to our state by our agricultural community. Whether they be sidewalk or suitcase

farmers, who live in urban or suburban areas but commute to work their farms or ranches, Oklahoma still has strong ties to agriculture, although it can no longer boast that half of its residents are farmers, as was the case during the 1920 Census.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors and praises Oklahoma agriculture as the State of Oklahoma prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2007.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature proclaims a two-year celebration, 2006-2007, in conjunction with the State's centennial to commemorate the vital role agriculture has played in the development of this Great State.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Centennial Commemoration Commission.

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