

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 69

By: Mazzei, Williamson,
Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
Easley, Eason McIntyre,
Ford, Garrison, Gumm,
Ivester, Johnson
(Constance), Johnson
(Mike), Jolley, Justice,
Lamb, Laster, Laughlin,
Leftwich, Lerblance,
Morgan, Myers, Nichols,
Paddack, Rabon, Reynolds,
Rice, Riley, Schulz,
Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes,
Wilcoxson, Wilson and
Wyrick of the Senate

and

Peterson (Pam) of the House

17 A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the Williams
18 Companies upon the occasion of its centennial;
19 commending its contributions to the state; and
20 providing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, what is now known as the Williams Companies began a
22 hundred years ago when brothers Dave and Miller Williams formed a
23 partnership in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The brothers owned a concrete
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1 mixing machine and \$600 in capital. The partners built sidewalks
2 until 1918 when the company moved to Tulsa; and

3 WHEREAS, the Williams Brothers correctly surmised that the oil
4 and gas boom of the day presented an excellent opportunity to expand
5 into the pipeline construction business. Although the company was
6 directly involved in the engineering and construction of pipelines,
7 it did not own any of them until the 1960s; and

8 WHEREAS, during World War II the Williams Company was the main
9 contractor on the War Emergency Pipeline systems which brought
10 energy products from Texas to the industrialized Northeast; and

11 WHEREAS, Williams Brothers went public in 1957 but did not
12 change its name to the Williams Companies until the 1970s. Since
13 1997 its brand identity has been known as "Williams"; and

14 WHEREAS, the Williams Companies acquired the Great Lakes Pipe
15 Line Company and diversified into fertilization operations, real
16 estate, insurance and food products. Always interested in advancing
17 technology, Williams became first to move coal through a pipeline.
18 Later it experimented with transporting milk through pipelines; and

19 WHEREAS, the Williams Companies created a telecommunications
20 network by stringing fiber-optic cables through its pipelines. It
21 also opened an energy trading floor in Tulsa where energy and
22 energy-related commodities could be bought and sold; and

23 WHEREAS, at the beginning of this century the Williams Companies
24 returned to earlier roots and core competencies as an explorer for

1 and producer, processor and distributor of natural gas. Williams is
2 celebrating its one hundredth year in business during 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, Williams produces, gathers, processes and transports
4 clean-burning natural gas to heat homes, fuel industry and power
5 electric generation across the country. Williams has consistently
6 been an exemplary employer, keeping and attracting high quality
7 citizens to this great state; and

8 WHEREAS, Williams has a long tradition of being a responsible
9 corporate citizen with headquarters in the State of Oklahoma.
10 Williams has made many contributions to education, health and human
11 services and to the arts throughout the state.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
13 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the Williams
16 Companies upon the occasion of its Centennial and wishes the company
17 well during its second century of growth.

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the Williams
19 Companies for its many contributions to the State of Oklahoma.

20 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Steve Malcolm,
21 President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Williams
22 Companies.

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