

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 102

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

A Resolution recognizing August 19, 2008, as the 50th anniversary of the historic sit-in at Katz Drug Store in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; honoring Mrs. Clara Luper and others for their role; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 1958, Mrs. Clara Luper, sponsor of the Oklahoma City NAACP Youth Council, with the help and support of many prominent citizens in NE Oklahoma City, led 13 Council members to Katz Drug Store in Oklahoma City, where they were refused service pursuant to the segregation policies of the era. Thus began the sit-in movement that eventually led to desegregation throughout the South. Katz Drug Stores subsequently desegregated their lunch counters in all 38 stores in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Iowa; and

WHEREAS, this historic nonviolent event was the model for successful civil rights demonstrations that followed nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clara Luper continued with subsequent efforts that led to desegregation of Oklahoma City public schools and public accommodations in Tulsa and Lawton, and successful organization of the Oklahoma City sanitation workers strike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby recognizes August 19, 2008, as the 50th anniversary of the historic sit-in at Katz Drug Store in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that changed the culture of both a state and a nation.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate further honors the life and legacy of Mrs. Clara Luper and all those who participated in that first peaceful and nonviolent demonstration 50 years ago.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mrs. Clara Luper, the NAACP Youth Council in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma History Center.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate