

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 49

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

12 and

13 Rousselot, Shannon, Pittman  
14 and Shumate of the House

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17 A Concurrent Resolution repudiating Oklahoma's Jim  
18 Crow laws; declaring the Oklahoma State Legislature  
19 free of racial prejudice; and directing distribution.

20 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature began its history with  
21 the passage of Senate Bill No. 1, which required separate facilities  
22 for blacks in public transportation, public education, and other  
23 public facilities. Known as "Jim Crow" laws and etiquette, this  
24 practice spread throughout the South and border states becoming a

1 pervasive part of the culture. While in theory it promised separate  
2 but equal treatment of both races, in practice it was always  
3 separate but never equal. During the last 50 years this extreme  
4 form of racial segregation has been gradually eroded by the courts  
5 prodded by the actions of civil rights organizations, such as the  
6 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP);  
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8 WHEREAS, the NAACP, founded nationally in 1909, took root in  
9 Oklahoma in 1913 when black leaders founded a local chapter in  
10 Oklahoma City. By the 1920s there were more than a dozen chapters  
11 in the state, and in the 1930s Oklahoma became the first state to  
12 form a State Conference. Led by such famous black Oklahomans as  
13 Roscoe Dunjee, Arsula Mence Sanders, Ada Lois Sipuel-Fisher, Clara  
14 Luper, and other courageous individuals, too numerous to mention,  
15 the NAACP, after decades of struggle, eventually triumphed with the  
16 repudiation of racial segregation and the end of Jim Crow in  
17 Oklahoma.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
19 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, at the dawn of a new  
22 centennial, repudiates the concepts and ideas behind Jim Crow laws  
23 passed a century ago by the Legislature and declares these laws and  
24 all their vestiges abhorrent and repugnant to today's Chambers.

1        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature starts its second century  
2 free from any and all racial bias or prejudice and takes this  
3 opportunity to declare its intention to remain so during all future  
4 operations.

5        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive  
6 Director of the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission; Anthony R.  
7 Douglas, State President of the Oklahoma State Conference of NAACP;  
8 Carolyn Wade, President of the Muskogee Branch of the NAACP; Derrick  
9 Reed, Youth Advisor of the Muskogee Branch NAACP Youth Council; and  
10 Clara Luper, Oklahoma civil rights pioneer who established the  
11 Freedom Center and the Freedom Center Monument.

12        Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of February, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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Presiding Officer of the House  
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