ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 96 By: Justice of the Senate

and

Winchester of the House

A Concurrent Resolution celebrating the centennial of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; designating May 16, 2008, "University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Centennial Day"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) is Oklahoma's only public liberal arts college. It is a recognized leader and innovator in interdisciplinary studies; and

WHEREAS, the college was founded in 1908 as a women's institution, the first college created by Oklahoma's first Legislature. It is one of only seven state institutions with similar missions ever created in the United States. Located in Chickasha, Oklahoma, USAO is the only Oklahoma college to be named a National Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Industrial Institute and College for Girls was created with the enactment of Senate Bill 249. Introduced by Senator N.P. Stewart of Hugo, the bill was signed by Governor

Charles Haskell on May 16, 1908. The motto in the first catalog was: "Not for livelihood but for life"; and

WHEREAS, the school opened on September 14, 1909, in the basement of Chickasha High School. There were 119 students registered. What followed was the evolution of the school from an institution strictly for women to a leading liberal arts college; and

WHEREAS, history of the school is colorful and full of humorous incidents. When the second President, James Alexander Moore, was asked to resign in 1911, he guarded his office with a shotgun to keep his potential successor from replacing him. No one was shot, and the matter was peacefully arbitrated, although at one time there were three different people claiming to be the official President of the school. The matter was resolved late in 1912 when a fourth individual was finally appointed, becoming the third President; and

WHEREAS, the twelfth and current President, Dr. John H. Feaver, is providing new leadership in the new millennium. President Feaver has not only launched The Legacy Project, but has also campaigned for a number of new capital initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma will be celebrating its Centennial Founders Day event on Friday, May 16, 2008, on the campus in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature joins with the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in celebrating their Centennial.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates Friday, May 16, 2008, "University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Centennial Day".

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. John H. Feaver, President, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of May, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives