

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 5001

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating Oklahoma's
8 Centennial; encouraging Oklahomans to embrace
9 traditional values.

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11 WHEREAS, the birth of a new state on November 16, 1907, inspired
12 in Oklahomans a sense of pride and optimism for the future; and

13 WHEREAS, Oklahomans seized this opportunity to build something
14 from nothing. Their entrepreneurial spirit was exemplified by their
15 hard work and perseverance and has been passed down among
16 generations and is characteristic in Oklahomans to this day; and

17 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has a rich and diverse heritage influenced by
18 American Indian, African American, Latino, Asian American and
19 European American customs and traditions; and

20 WHEREAS, the words of President Ronald Reagan rang true when he
21 described the establishment of Oklahoma as the best example of the
22 American experience, stating that "People from all over the world
23 came here to claim a bit of land – their part of America – and to
24 make a new life. These people confronted the most undeveloped

1 country known to man with optimism, self-pride, and rugged
2 independence."; and

3 WHEREAS, in the words of President William Jefferson Clinton,
4 during our darkest hour in April 1995 Oklahomans provided a beacon
5 of light for the world by choosing "hope and love over despair and
6 hatred" and through our example the nation learned that it is
7 stronger "when we all stand together in our common humanity to
8 protect life, liberty and the rule of law for all."; and

9 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's first 100 years were rooted in determination
10 and innovation, building a state that is known around the world for
11 its old-fashioned work ethic and strong sense of community; and

12 WHEREAS, because of these values, Oklahoma is now a vital
13 contributor to the nation's economy as a leading producer of oil,
14 natural gas, wheat, cattle, pecans, peanuts, peaches and a multitude
15 of other agricultural products; and

16 WHEREAS, technology and innovation are of premium importance to
17 Oklahomans, spurring the development of such modern inventions as
18 the aerosol can, parking meter and shopping cart; and

19 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has also emerged as a leader in the aerospace
20 and biotechnology industries. Some of the United States' most
21 important and largest aerospace clusters are located in Oklahoma and
22 the state has also attracted hundreds of millions of dollars in
23 research grants that have led to important advances in everything
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1 from genetics to the creation of potentially life-saving cancer
2 tests; and

3 WHEREAS, the year 2007 is a momentous year for Oklahoma. It is
4 a year of ideas, a year of hope, a year of pride, and a year of
5 celebration; and

6 WHEREAS, Oklahomans turn their eyes to the next 100 years,
7 embracing talent, ingenuity, and fortitude to surpass the
8 accomplishments of the state's first century and shape a prosperous
9 future for Oklahoma.

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

13 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature celebrates Oklahoma's Centennial,
14 and looks toward the next 100 years with great hope and optimism.

15 THAT Oklahomans should remember the lessons of their forefathers
16 and embrace the traditional Oklahoma values that have brought us to
17 this moment in time.

18 THAT Oklahomans should always seek prosperity and strive for
19 progress and growth in the next 100 years.

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