

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 69

By: Mazzei and Williamson of
the Senate

5 and

6 Peterson (Pam) of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the Williams
10 Companies upon the occasion of its centennial;
11 commending its contributions to the state; and
12 providing distribution.

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

19 WHEREAS, the Williams Brothers correctly surmised that the oil
20 and gas boom of the day presented an excellent opportunity to expand
21 into the pipeline construction business. Although the company was
22 directly involved in the engineering and construction of pipelines,
23 it did not own any of them until the 1960s; and
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1 WHEREAS, during World War II the Williams Company was the main
2 contractor on the War Emergency Pipeline systems which brought
3 energy products from Texas to the industrialized Northeast; and

4 WHEREAS, Williams Brothers went public in 1957 but did not
5 change its name to the Williams Companies until the 1970s. Since
6 1997 its brand identity has been known as "Williams"; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, at the beginning of this century the Williams Companies
17 returned to earlier roots and core competencies as an explorer for
18 and producer, processor and distributor of natural gas. Williams is
19 celebrating its one hundredth year in business during 2008; and

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

1 WHEREAS, Williams has a long tradition of being a responsible
2 corporate citizen with headquarters in the State of Oklahoma.
3 Williams has made many contributions to education, health and human
4 services and to the arts throughout the state.

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

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the Williams
9 Companies upon the occasion of its Centennial and wishes the company
10 well during its second century of growth.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the Williams
12 Companies for its many contributions to the State of Oklahoma.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Steve Malcolm,
14 President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Williams
15 Companies.

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