

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 44

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 A Resolution recognizing the Ada, Oklahoma, cement
7 plant for a hundred years of continuous operation;
8 congratulating the Holcim (U.S.) Inc. cement
9 operation in Ada, Oklahoma, for its use of recycled
10 materials; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, what is now the Holcim (U.S.) Inc. cement plant in Ada,
12 Oklahoma, has been in continuous operation since 1907. Construction
13 on the first cement plant commenced January 1, 1907, and operations
14 started December 25, 1907. Since 1921 it has produced more than 30
15 million tons of cement that have been used throughout the region.
16 Cement from Ada, Oklahoma, was used in the construction of many
17 roads, highways, airports, homes, schools, and oil wells in this
18 state; and

19 WHEREAS, Wintersmith Lake was constructed to supply water to the
20 cement plant during this period. The plant was expanded in 1920,
21 1922, and 1924 while the original kilns were abandoned in 1931.
22 Construction of the current plant began in 1956 and was completed in
23 1958; and

24 WHEREAS, the overland conveyor belt was the longest in the world
at the time of construction, 5.4 miles from quarry to plant. The

1 plant employees about 140 employees, many of whose families have
2 worked there for two generations; and

3 WHEREAS, the Ada, Oklahoma, plant is fueled in part by the
4 combustion of scrap tires. This offers an efficient energy
5 alternative to traditional fossil fuels. It also provides an ideal,
6 high-volume opportunity for disposing of one of the more troublesome
7 forms of solid waste today; and

8 WHEREAS, the plant was owned and operated by Oklahoma Portland
9 Cement from 1907 through 1924. The cement plant and Lawrence Quarry
10 were purchased by Charles Boettcher in 1917, becoming part of the
11 Ideal Cement Company until 1990. In 1990 the ownership passed to
12 Holnam Inc. until 2001, when Holcim (U.S.) Inc. began operations.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
14 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the Ada, Oklahoma,
16 cement plant for a hundred years of continuous operation on the
17 anniversary of the State of Oklahoma's centennial.

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the Holcim cement
19 operation in Ada, Oklahoma, for its use of recycled materials and
20 commitment to sustainable development.

21 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sharon Myers of
22 Holcim (U.S.) Inc.

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