

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
2 RESOLUTION NO. 1008

By: Blackwell of the House

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4 Marlatt of the Senate  
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7 A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Oklahoma  
Panhandle State University; designating the Oklahoma  
8 Panhandle State University Centennial Corridor;  
directing the Department of Transportation to place  
9 permanent markers; and directing distribution.  
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12 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University has a long and  
13 proud history of serving the educational needs of Oklahoma by  
14 providing a beacon of learning throughout the region; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1909 the Oklahoma Legislature, through the enactment  
16 of House Bill 368, provided Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) and  
17 eighty (80) acres of land for the creation of Panhandle Agricultural  
18 Institute; and

19 WHEREAS, Panhandle Agricultural Institute was created with the  
20 purpose of providing a district agricultural school of secondary  
21 grade for instruction in agriculture and mechanics and allied  
22 branches and domestic science and economics with courses of  
23 instruction leading to the Agricultural and Mechanical College; and  
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1       WHEREAS, in 1921, the Legislature authorized the school to offer  
2 a two-year college curriculum, and the name was changed to Panhandle  
3 Agricultural and Mechanical College; and

4       WHEREAS, in 1925, the State Board of Agriculture authorized  
5 upper division college courses, and in the summer of 1926, junior  
6 and senior level courses were added to the curriculum; and

7       WHEREAS, Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College was  
8 renamed in 1967 to be known as Oklahoma Panhandle State College of  
9 Agriculture and Applied Science; and

10       WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State College of Agriculture and  
11 Applied Science was renamed in 1974 as Oklahoma Panhandle State  
12 University (OPSU); and

13       WHEREAS, the mission of Oklahoma Panhandle State University is  
14 to provide higher education for the people of the Oklahoma Panhandle  
15 and surrounding areas through academic programs, cultural  
16 enrichment, life-long learning experiences, and public service  
17 activities. Educational experiences are designed to enrich the  
18 personal lives of students and to prepare them for roles in  
19 agriculture, business, education, government, and industry; and

20       WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University provides a corridor  
21 to a lifetime of opportunity to the students educated in its  
22 hallowed halls; and

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1       WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University is celebrating its  
2 100th year of educational excellence with a grand Centennial  
3 Celebration.

4       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates Oklahoma Panhandle  
8 State University for providing quality education and community  
9 enrichment for 100 years.

10       THAT the portion of State Highway 54 located in Texas County  
11 shall be designated as the "Oklahoma Panhandle State University  
12 Centennial Corridor".

13       THAT the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to  
14 erect suitable permanent markers designating the highway.

15       THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to OPSU President  
16 David Bryant and to the OPSU Centennial Committee.

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