

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1018

By: Jones of the House

and

Burrage of the Senate

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7 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the centennial of
8 Rogers State University; extending commendation and
9 appreciation to faculty, administrators, and staff;
10 challenging Rogers State University to continue to
11 enrich the lives of students; and directing
12 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Rogers State University has a long and proud history as
14 a high-quality institution of higher learning; and

15 WHEREAS, the University was officially established as Eastern
16 University Preparatory School in Claremore by the Oklahoma
17 Legislature in 1909; and

18 WHEREAS, in response to the needs of area residents and the
19 United States Armed Forces, the institution became the Oklahoma
20 Military Academy in 1919; and

21 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Military Academy was recognized as one of
22 the top military schools in the United States, with more than 2,500
23 of its graduates serving in the Armed Forces of the United States
24 during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; and

1 WHEREAS, in response to the growing educational needs of a
2 rapidly developing technological and industrial economy in the
3 Claremore area, the Oklahoma Legislature replaced the Oklahoma
4 Military Academy with Claremore Junior College in 1971; and

5 WHEREAS, Claremore Junior College was renamed Rogers State
6 College in 1982; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1996, the Oklahoma Legislature approved the merger
8 of Rogers State College and the University Center at Tulsa,
9 resulting in the new name of Rogers University; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1998, the Oklahoma Legislature separated the
11 institutions, creating a branch of Oklahoma State University in
12 Tulsa and Rogers State University, a new regional university with a
13 main campus in Claremore; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2000, the NCA Commission on Institutions of Higher
15 Education formally granted Rogers State University accreditation as
16 a four-year university; and

17 WHEREAS, since Rogers State University was accredited as a four-
18 year university in 2000, enrollment has increased by more than 70
19 percent, earning the title of Oklahoma's fastest growing university;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Roger State University today is one of only two
22 Oklahoma institutions that offers both two-year associate degree
23 programs and four-year bachelor's degree programs; and

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1 WHEREAS, under the capable leadership of President Dr. Larry
2 Rice, Rogers State University today offers a full range of academic
3 programs, student services, intercollegiate men's and women's
4 basketball, its own full-power public television and radio station;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Rogers State University has scheduled "Centennial
7 Events" in order to commemorate its 100th anniversary as a high-
8 quality institution of higher learning.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

12 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby recognizes
13 the centennial of Rogers State University.

14 THAT the Legislature extends expressions of commendation and
15 appreciation to the generations of faculty, administrators, and
16 staff who have served and are serving to fulfill the mission of
17 fostering a learning environment in which students, faculty, staff,
18 and community interact to educate students for life in a rapidly
19 changing and culturally diverse society.

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature not only commemorates and
21 celebrates the centennial of Rogers State University, but also
22 challenges Rogers State University to continue to enrich the lives
23 of its students during the next 100 years.

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