

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1029

By: Thomsen, Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Benge, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McMullen, McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Rousselot, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold) and Wright (John)

A Resolution recognizing the 100th Birthday of East Central University; extending commendation and appreciation to faculty, administrators, and staff; challenging East Central University to continue to enrich the lives of students; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the 2nd Legislature of the State of Oklahoma convened in Guthrie in 1909; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1909, Senator D.M. Smith of Duncan introduced Senate Bill No. 83, later amended by Senator Rueben M. Roddie of Ada, "creating a Normal School to be located and established at, or within one mile of the city of Ada, Oklahoma, and making an appropriation for the erection of suitable buildings"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said school was "the same as the Normal School of the State of Oklahoma at Edmond, Oklahoma, and shall be under the control and direction of the same Board of Education"; and

WHEREAS, there was appropriated out of the public building fund of Oklahoma "the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the erection of a suitable building for said school in city of Ada, Oklahoma, to be expended and used under the direction of the said Board of Education"; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 83 was passed by the Oklahoma Senate March 8, 1909, and forwarded to the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Representative Edgar S. Ratliff and Representative Frank Huddleston of Pontotoc County maneuvered Senate Bill No. 83 through the Oklahoma House of Representatives, resulting in the final official record showing that the bill passed by a vote of 80 to 7 on March 12, 1909, the last day of the session; and

WHEREAS, Governor C.N. Haskell approved and signed the legislation on March 25, 1909; and

WHEREAS, the amended Senate Bill No. 83 referred to the "Normal School at Ada"; however a newspaper article dated April 19, 1909, used the name "East Central"; and

WHEREAS, the first official use of the name "East Central State Normal School" was in construction bid documents and then again in the law as part of appropriations language in 1910; and

WHEREAS, in 1919, the name of the school changed to "East Central State Teachers College"; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, the school was authorized to institute curricula in the arts and sciences as well as in teacher education, resulting in the school renamed as "East Central State College"; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the Oklahoma Legislature officially changed the name from "East Central State College" to "East Central Oklahoma State University", and in 1985, the official title became "East Central University".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma on this March 25, 2009, hereby recognizes the 100th Birthday of East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives not only commemorates and celebrates the 100th Birthday of East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma, but also challenges East Central University to continue to enrich the lives of its students during the next centennial.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Duane C. Anderson, Interim President of East Central University.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of March,  
2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives