

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1058

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A Resolution congratulating the City of Wynona, Oklahoma, on the one-hundredth anniversary of its founding; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2009, the city of Wynona, Oklahoma, will be celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city; and

WHEREAS, on historical maps of Oklahoma Territory, the present site of the City of Wynona was designated as Rogers, so called because the land was owned by a prominent early day family of that name; and

WHEREAS, during the 1870s Antwine Rogers established the famous Rogers Ranch and constructed the headquarters of the ranch approximately one and one-half miles south of the present site of the city; and

WHEREAS, history records that Antwine Rogers changed the name of the area to Wynona after learning that there was already a town named Rogers, Oklahoma, and because he had seen the name "Winona, Minnesota" on a wagon which had passed through the area and had liked the sound of the name, but he changed the spelling to avoid confusion with another city; and

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the Rogers Ranch, the Osage Tribe held many of its meetings in the vicinity around Wynona, and the area was considered by many as the approximate center of the old Osage Indian culture; and

WHEREAS, the Wynona area was open range until as late as 1902, when the railroad built a line through the area, which began the development of the town with the opening of a post office, a school, and stores; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wynona was founded as a town site in early 1909 by the Osage Townsite Company which was located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and was the first agency to sell lots in Wynona; and

WHEREAS, the town's first newspaper, the *Wynona Enterprise*, was first published on August 28, 1909; and

WHEREAS, oil was first discovered near Wynona in 1914, and as a result the town boomed during 1915 and 1916 after a group of citizens formed and operated a development company named the Wynona Oil and Gas Company; and

WHEREAS, over the next several years the town continued to experience growth based mainly on the presence of oil production activities in the area, however, that growth started to decrease during the years leading up to the depression; and

WHEREAS, today the City of Wynona has several businesses and a public elementary school and high school.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby congratulate the City of Wynona, Oklahoma, on the occasion of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of the City of Wynona.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives