

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1073

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A Resolution recognizing the ninetieth academic year of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; extending commendation and appreciation to faculty, administrators, and staff; challenging Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College to continue to make a difference one student at a time; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College was founded in 1919 through the generous donation of 40 acres of land by local citizens, including the Dobson family; and

WHEREAS, Representative James Mabon, who served in the fourth through the ninth Oklahoma Legislatures, shepherded a bill through the Legislature to create the Miami School of Mines; and

WHEREAS, the Miami School of Mines was officially established on March 17, 1919, following the approval of Senate Bill No. 225, which mandated that the Miami School of Mines was to be "a vocational school for the preparation of those wishing to engage in the various phases of the mining business in the State of Oklahoma"; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 225 authorized a special Board of Regents for the school; and

WHEREAS, the Miami School of Mines opened its doors for the first time during September 1920 in the Mining and Exchange Building in downtown Miami, in which classes were conducted in geology, chemistry, English, Spanish and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, classes were held there until February 5, 1921, when construction of the original administration building, now known as Shipley Hall, was completed; and

WHEREAS, the name of the college remained the Miami School of Mines until 1924, when a special session of the Oklahoma Legislature signed into law a name change to Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College; and

WHEREAS, in April 1943, the institution's name was changed yet again to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; and

WHEREAS, at such time, control was changed to the Board of Regents for the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 school year is the ninetieth academic year for Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; and

WHEREAS, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College will celebrate this milestone with a Founder's Day celebration on March 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in honor of its founding, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College will unveil an Honors Gallery on the west entrance of Commons Hall that will feature a portrait of James Mabon and past presidents of the College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma hereby recognizes Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College's ninetieth academic year.

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 make a difference one student at a time.

THAT the House of Representatives not only commemorates and celebrates the ninetieth anniversary of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, but also challenges Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College to continue to make a difference in students' lives during the next 90 years.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Jeff Hale, President of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 23rd day of March,
2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives