

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 22

By: Paddock, Adelson, Aldridge,
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Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
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Ellis, Ford, Garrison,
Gumm, Halligan, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance),
Johnson (Mike), Jolley,
Justice, Lamb, Laster,
Leftwich, Lerblance,
Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers,
Newberry, Nichols,
Reynolds, Rice, Russell,
Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution recognizing March 25, 2009, as the centennial of East Central University; applauding students and alumni; extending commendations to faculty, administration, and staff; challenging the school to continue; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1909, during the 2nd Legislature meeting in Guthrie, Oklahoma, Senator D. M. Smith of Duncan, Oklahoma, introduced Senate Bill 83, which was later amended by Senator Rueben M. Roddie of Ada, Oklahoma, "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." The purpose of the school was the same as the Normal School of the State of Oklahoma at Edmond, Oklahoma, and was under the control and direction of the same Board of Education. There was appropriated

out of the public building fund of Oklahoma the sum of \$100,000 for the erection of a suitable building for the school at the City of Ada, Oklahoma, to be expended and used under the direction of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 83 was passed by the Senate on March 8, 1909, and by the House of Representatives on March 12, 1909. Governor C. N. Haskell signed the legislation on March 25, 1909. Although Senate Bill 83 referred to the "Normal School at Ada", a newspaper article used "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. In 1919 the name changed to East Central State Teachers College and then in 1939 the institution was authorized to institute curricula in the arts and sciences as well as in teacher education resulting in the name becoming East Central State College. In 1974 the Oklahoma Legislature officially changed the name from East Central State College to East Central Oklahoma State University. In 1985 the official title became East Central University.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes March 25, 2009, as the 100th birthday of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, and commemorates and celebrates its centennial.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds the students and alumni for whom the institution exists to serve.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its commendations 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 State Senate challenges East Central University to continue to enrich the lives of its students during the next one hundred years.

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

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of March, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate