

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 1073

HR 1073

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1073 - By: GLENN of the House.

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.

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

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

7 WHEREAS, the Miami School of Mines was officially established on March 17,
8 1919, following the approval of Senate Bill No. 225, which mandated that the Miami
9 School of Mines was to be "a vocational school for the preparation of those wishing to
10 engage in the various phases of the mining business in the State of Oklahoma"; and

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

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

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

6 WHEREAS, the name of the college remained the Miami School of Mines until
7 1924, when a special session of the Oklahoma Legislature signed into law a name change
8 to Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 THAT the House of Representatives extends expressions of commendation and
4 appreciation to the generations of faculty, administrators, and staff who have served and
5 are serving to make a difference one student at a time.

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

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

12 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.