

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, February 19, 2009

House Concurrent  
Resolution No. 1008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008 - By: BLACKWELL of the House and MARLATT of the Senate.

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Oklahoma Panhandle State University; designating the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Centennial Corridor; directing the Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University has a long and proud history of  
2 serving the educational needs of Oklahoma by providing a beacon of learning throughout  
3 the region; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1909 the Oklahoma Legislature, through the enactment of House  
5 Bill 368, provided Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) and eighty (80) acres of land for  
6 the creation of Panhandle Agricultural Institute; and

7 WHEREAS, Panhandle Agricultural Institute was created with the purpose of  
8 providing a district agricultural school of secondary grade for instruction in agriculture  
9 and mechanics and allied branches and domestic science and economics with courses of  
10 instruction leading to the Agricultural and Mechanical College; and

1       WHEREAS, in 1921, the Legislature authorized the school to offer a two-year  
2 college curriculum, and the name was changed to Panhandle Agricultural and  
3 Mechanical College; and

4       WHEREAS, in 1925, the State Board of Agriculture authorized upper division  
5 college courses, and in the summer of 1926, junior and senior level courses were added to  
6 the curriculum; and

7       WHEREAS, Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College was renamed in 1967  
8 to be known as Oklahoma Panhandle State College of Agriculture and Applied Science;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State College of Agriculture and Applied Science  
11 was renamed in 1974 as Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU); and

12       WHEREAS, the mission of Oklahoma Panhandle State University is to provide  
13 higher education for the people of the Oklahoma Panhandle and surrounding areas  
14 through academic programs, cultural enrichment, life-long learning experiences, and  
15 public service activities. Educational experiences are designed to enrich the personal  
16 lives of students and to prepare them for roles in agriculture, business, education,  
17 government, and industry; and

18       WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University provides a corridor to a lifetime  
19 of opportunity to the students educated in its hallowed halls; and

20       WHEREAS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University is celebrating its 100th year of  
21 educational excellence with a grand Centennial Celebration.

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA  
3 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

4           THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates Oklahoma Panhandle State  
5 University for providing quality education and community enrichment for 100 years.

6           THAT the portion of State Highway 54 located in Texas County shall be designated  
7 as the “Oklahoma Panhandle State University Centennial Corridor”.

8           THAT the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect suitable  
9 permanent markers designating the highway.

10          THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to OPSU President David Bryant and  
11 to the OPSU Centennial Committee.

12 DIRECT TO CALENDAR: 02-19-09