

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 1, 2010

House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1052

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1052 - By: MCCULLOUGH of the House and NEWBERRY of the Senate.

A Concurrent Resolution declaring The Glenpool Project to be in the best interest of the citizens of this state and serve the interests of the nation; declaring unqualified endorsement and support to The Glenpool Project and encouraging the Congress of the United States to do the same; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, one of the highest priorities of the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma
2 is to further expand the opportunity for college-level education among students who are
3 residents of the state and, thereby, to secure the corresponding economic development
4 benefits to such residents and the state; and

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma is steadfastly committed to
6 the principle of enabling high school students in the State of Oklahoma to question only
7 when, rather than if, they will have the opportunity to achieve the goal of higher
8 education; and

9 WHEREAS, the leadership of the Glenpool Public School District, Tulsa Community
10 College and the City of Glenpool have collaborated, and are collaborating, in the

1 development of a unique higher education program called The Glenpool Project that will
2 continue to benefit adult learning while also permitting high school students to pursue
3 goals currently unavailable to them; and

4 WHEREAS, The Glenpool Project will create a substantial percentage of first-
5 generation college students in the City of Glenpool and throughout the region served by
6 Tulsa Community College, thereby advancing the common welfare; and

7 WHEREAS, beneficiaries of The Glenpool Project will include a substantial number
8 of students who are Native American, thereby further promoting and acknowledging the
9 State of Oklahoma's great debt and gratitude to its Native American heritage; and

10 WHEREAS, The Glenpool Project proposes to colocate the existing, regionally
11 beneficial community college facility and an early college/high school program within the
12 City of Glenpool that will allow Glenpool Public Schools to expand course offerings and
13 provide students the ability to obtain college credits up to and including an associate
14 degree while simultaneously completing high school; and

15 WHEREAS, The Glenpool Project will allow Tulsa Community College to expand to
16 meet the growth of the communities it serves; and

17 WHEREAS, Glenpool Public School students participating in The Glenpool Project
18 will have the opportunity to earn college credits up to and including an associate degree
19 free of charge when combined with the "Tulsa Achieves" program currently offered by
20 Tulsa Community College; and

1 WHEREAS, facilities shared by Glenpool Public Schools and Tulsa Community
2 College will maximize the use of taxpayer funds by allowing for cost-sharing of expenses,
3 and the implementation of collaborative educational programming will create a
4 replicable opportunity to enhance the education level of our citizens even beyond The
5 Glenpool Project; and

6 WHEREAS, implementation of The Glenpool Project will increase the education
7 level of potential employees, managers, and business owners, resulting in economic
8 benefits to the region and the state.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA
11 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

12 THAT the Legislature of this state finds and declares The Glenpool Project to be in
13 the best interest of the citizens of this state and, by virtue thereof, to serve the interests
14 of the nation.

15 THAT the Legislature of this state finds and declares that it shall give its
16 unqualified endorsement and support to The Glenpool Project and encourages the
17 Congress of the United States to do the same.

18 THAT the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Oklahoma Legislature
19 shall, immediately upon passage of this concurrent resolution by their respective
20 chambers, ensure that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the
21 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United

- 1 States House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House and the President of the
- 2 Senate of each state's legislature of the United States of America, and each member of
- 3 the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.
- 4 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.