

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 25

By: Newberry, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington,
3 Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon,
Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
4 Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,
Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Ford,
5 Garrison, Gumm, Halligan, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike),
6 Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster,
Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt,
7 Mazzei, Myers, Nichols, Paddack,
Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz,
8 Sparks, Stanislowski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of the
9 Senate

10 and

11 Peterson of the House

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14 A Concurrent Resolution saluting the life of Oral
15 Roberts; recognizing his influence on Oklahoma; and
directing distribution.

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17 WHEREAS, the story of Oral Roberts is an Oklahoma story.

18 Granville Oral Roberts was born on January 24, 1918, in Ada,
19 Oklahoma. The fifth child of the Reverend Ellis Melvin Roberts and
20 Claudia Priscilla Irwin Roberts, Oral Roberts grew up with a
21 Pentecostal Christian background. He stuttered as a child and had
22 tuberculosis at the age of 17 but was healed of both at a revival
23 meeting in Ada, Oklahoma. He studied at Oklahoma Baptist University
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1 and Phillips University and became a licensed minister in the
2 Pentecostal Holiness Church; and

3 WHEREAS, Oral Roberts, who married a preacher's daughter, Evelyn
4 Lutman Fahnestock, began his ministry as a traveling preacher before
5 settling as a pastor in 1941. He became famous for his mobile tent
6 meetings which drew as many as 18,000 and was a pioneer evangelist
7 on radio and television. By 1969, Oral Roberts was one of America's
8 best-known evangelists, second only to his friend and fellow
9 evangelist, Billy Graham; and

10 WHEREAS, Oral Roberts founded Oral Roberts Evangelistic
11 Association in 1947 and has conducted hundreds of evangelistic and
12 healing crusades on six continents. He has also appeared as a guest
13 speaker for both national and international conventions. Through
14 his ministries: Healing Waters Inc., television, radio programs,
15 International Charismatic Bible Ministries and tent crusades, he's
16 ministered to tens of thousands and has laid hands on over one
17 million people; and

18 WHEREAS, Chancellor Oral Roberts founded Oral Roberts University
19 (ORU) in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1963. The campus currently has over
20 3,000 students, representing 61 countries, enrolled in 65
21 undergraduate concentrations, 14 graduate-level degree programs and
22 two doctoral programs. The core value of ORU is contained in their
23 mission: to educate the whole person spirit, mind and body. ORU is
24 fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member

1 of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools with over
2 37,000 in the alumni population. ORU students are fulfilling the
3 call of going into every man's world; and

4 WHEREAS, Oral Roberts founded the City of Faith Medical and
5 Research Center which opened in 1981. It was one of the largest
6 health facilities in the world and revolutionized the medical
7 world's concept of primary patient care and the importance of
8 treating the whole person - spirit, mind and body; and

9 WHEREAS, Oral Roberts has written more than 120 books, including
10 his biography, "Expect a Miracle" and the best seller "Miracle of
11 Seed-Faith" which has nearly eight million copies in circulation.
12 He is also the subject of several books and many news articles which
13 demonstrates continuing public interest in his life. He is a
14 lifetime member and Harris Fellow in Rotary International; and

15 WHEREAS, Oral Roberts made popular the phrases "Something good
16 is going to happen to you" and "God is a Good God"; and

17 WHEREAS, Oral Roberts was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of
18 Fame in 1972. On Tuesday, April 6, 1982, Dr. Roberts served as the
19 Oklahoma State Senate Chaplain, addressing the Senate and offering
20 the invocation. Dr. Roberts was the guest of Senator Charles Ford
21 of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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

