

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1058

By: Fields

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating the City of Wynona,
8 Oklahoma, on the one-hundredth anniversary of its
9 founding; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, on June 13, 2009, the city of Wynona, Oklahoma, will be
13 celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the
14 city; and

15 WHEREAS, on historical maps of Oklahoma Territory the present
16 site of the City of Wynona was designated as Rogers, so called
17 because the land was owned by a prominent early day family of that
18 name; and

19 WHEREAS, during the 1870s Antwine Rogers established the famous
20 Rogers Ranch and constructed the headquarters of the ranch
21 approximately one and one-half miles south of the present site of
22 the city; and

23 WHEREAS, history records that Antwine Rogers changed the name of
24 the area to Wynona after learning that there was already a town

1 named Rogers, Oklahoma, and because he had seen the name "Winona,
2 Minnesota" on a wagon which had passed through the area and had
3 liked the sound of the name, but he changed the spelling to avoid
4 confusion with another city; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the Rogers Ranch, the
6 Osage Tribe held many of its meetings in the vicinity around Wynona,
7 and the area was considered by many as the approximate center of the
8 old Osage Indian culture; and

9 WHEREAS, the Wynona area was open range until as late as 1902,
10 when the railroad built a line through the area, which began the
11 development of the town with the opening of a post office, a school,
12 and stores; and

13 WHEREAS, the City of Wynona was founded as a town site in early
14 1909 by the Osage Townsite Company which was located in Oklahoma
15 City, Oklahoma, and was the first agency to sell lots in Wynona; and

16 WHEREAS, the town's first newspaper, the *Wynona Enterprise*, was
17 first published on August 28, 1909; and

18 WHEREAS, oil was first discovered near Wynona in 1914, and as a
19 result the town boomed during 1915 and 1916 after a group of
20 citizens formed and operated a development company named the Wynona
21 Oil and Gas Company; and

22 WHEREAS, over the next several years the town continued to
23 experience growth based mainly on the presence of oil production
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1 activities in the area, however that growth started to decrease
2 during the years leading up to the depression; and

3 WHEREAS, today the City of Wynona has several businesses and a
4 public elementary school and high school.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

7 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby
8 congratulate the City of Wynona, Oklahoma, on the occasion of the
9 one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of
11 the City of Wynona.

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