

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1018

By: Jones of the House

5 and

6 Burrage of the Senate

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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10 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the centennial of
11 Rogers State University; extending commendation and
12 appreciation to faculty, administrators, and staff;
13 challenging Rogers State University to continue to
14 enrich the lives of students; and directing
15 distribution.

16 WHEREAS, Rogers State University has a long and proud history as
17 a high-quality institution of higher learning; and

18 WHEREAS, the university was officially established as Eastern
19 University Preparatory School in Claremore by the Oklahoma
20 Legislature in 1909; and

21 WHEREAS, in response to the needs of area residents and the
22 United States Armed Forces, the institution became the Oklahoma
23 Military Academy in 1919; and

24 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Military Academy was recognized as one of
the top military schools in the United States, with more than 2,500

1 of its graduates serving in the Armed Forces of the United States
2 during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; and

3 WHEREAS, in response to the growing educational needs of a
4 rapidly developing technological and industrial economy in the
5 Claremore area, the Oklahoma Legislature replaced the Oklahoma
6 Military Academy with Claremore Junior College in 1971; and

7 WHEREAS, Claremore Junior College was renamed Rogers State
8 College in 1982; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1996, the Oklahoma Legislature approved the merger
10 of Rogers State College and the University Center at Tulsa,
11 resulting in the new name of Rogers University; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1998, the Oklahoma Legislature separated the
13 institutions, creating a branch of Oklahoma State University in
14 Tulsa and Rogers State University, a new regional university with a
15 main campus in Claremore; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2000, the NCA Commission on Institutions of Higher
17 Education formally granted Rogers State University accreditation as
18 a four-year university; and

19 WHEREAS, since Rogers State University was accredited as a four-
20 year university in 2000, enrollment has increased by more than 70
21 percent, earning the title of Oklahoma's fastest growing university;
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1 WHEREAS, Roger State University today is one of only two
2 Oklahoma institutions that offers both two-year associate degree
3 programs and four-year bachelor's degree programs; and

4 WHEREAS, under the capable leadership of President Dr. Larry
5 Rice, Rogers State University today offers a full range of academic
6 programs, student services, intercollegiate men's and women's
7 basketball, its own full-power public television and radio station;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Rogers State University has scheduled "Centennial
10 Events" in order to commemorate its 100th anniversary as a high-
11 quality institution of higher learning.

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

15 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby recognizes
16 the centennial of Rogers State University.

17 THAT the Legislature extends expressions of commendation and
18 appreciation to the generations of faculty, administrators, and
19 staff who have served and are serving to fulfill the mission of
20 fostering a learning environment in which students, faculty, staff,
21 and community interact to educate students for life in a rapidly
22 changing and culturally diverse society.

23 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature not only commemorates and
24 celebrates the centennial of Rogers State University, but also

1 challenges Rogers State University to continue to enrich the lives
2 of its students during the next 100 years.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Larry Rice,
4 President of Rogers State University.

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