

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1029

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing the 100th Birthday of East
8 Central University; extending commendation and
9 appreciation to faculty, administrators, and staff;
10 challenging East Central University to continue to
11 enrich the lives of students; and directing
12 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, the 2nd Legislature of the State of Oklahoma convened
14 in Guthrie in 1909; and

15 WHEREAS, on January 12, 1909, Senator D.M. Smith of Duncan
16 introduced Senate Bill No. 83, later amended by Senator Rueben M.
17 Roddie of Ada, "creating a Normal School to be located and
18 established at, or within one mile of the city of Ada, Oklahoma, and
19 making an appropriation for the erection of suitable buildings"; and

20 WHEREAS, the purpose of said school was "the same as the Normal
21 School of the State of Oklahoma at Edmond, Oklahoma, and shall be
22 under the control and direction of the same Board of Education"; and

23 WHEREAS, there was appropriated out of the public building fund
24 of Oklahoma "the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the

1 erection of a suitable building for said school in city of Ada,
2 Oklahoma, to be expended and used under the direction of the said
3 Board of Education"; and

4 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 83 was passed by the Oklahoma Senate
5 March 8, 1909, and forwarded to the Oklahoma House of
6 Representatives; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Edgar S. Ratliff and Representative
8 Frank Huddleston of Pontotoc County maneuvered Senate Bill No. 83
9 through the Oklahoma House of Representatives, resulting in the
10 final official record showing that the bill passed by a vote of 80
11 to 7 on March 12, 1909, the last day of the session; and

12 WHEREAS, Governor C.N. Haskell approved and signed the
13 legislation on March 25, 1909; and

14 WHEREAS, the amended Senate Bill No. 83 referred to the "Normal
15 School at Ada"; however a newspaper article dated April 19, 1909,
16 used the name "East Central"; and

17 WHEREAS, the first official use of the name "East Central State
18 Normal School" was in construction bid documents and then again in
19 the law as part of appropriations language in 1910; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1919 the name of the school changed to "East Central
21 State Teachers College"; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1939 the school was authorized to institute
23 curricula in the arts and sciences as well as in teacher education,
24 resulting in the school renamed as "East Central State College"; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1974 the Oklahoma Legislature officially changed the
2 name from "East Central State College" to "East Central Oklahoma
3 State University", and in 1985, the official title became "East
4 Central University".

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

7 THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma on
8 this March 25, 2009, hereby recognizes the 100th Birthday of East
9 Central University, Ada, Oklahoma.

10 THAT the House of Representatives extends expressions of
11 commendation and appreciation to the generations of faculty,
12 administrators, and staff who have served and are serving to fulfill
13 the mission of fostering a learning environment in which students,
14 faculty, staff, and community interact to educate students for life
15 in a rapidly changing and culturally diverse society.

16 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives not only commemorates
17 and celebrates the 100th Birthday of East Central University, Ada,
18 Oklahoma, but also challenges East Central University to continue to
19 enrich the lives of its students during the next centennial.

20 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Duane C.
21 Anderson, Interim President of East Central University.

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