

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 25

By: Newberry of the Senate

and

Peterson of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution saluting the life of Oral  
10 Roberts; recognizing his influence on Oklahoma; and  
11 directing distribution.

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

15 Granville Oral Roberts was born on January 24, 1918, in Ada,

16 Oklahoma. The fifth child of the Reverend Ellis Melvin Roberts and

17 Claudia Priscilla Irwin Roberts, Oral Roberts grew up with a

18 Pentecostal Christian background. He stuttered as a child and had

19 tuberculosis at the age of 17 but was healed of both at a revival

20 meeting in Ada, Oklahoma. He studied at Oklahoma Baptist University

21 and Phillips University and became a licensed minister in the

22 Pentecostal Holiness Church; and

23 WHEREAS, Oral Roberts, who married a preacher's daughter, Evelyn

24 Lutman Fahnstock, began his ministry as a traveling preacher before

1 settling as a pastor in 1941. He became famous for his mobile tent  
2 meetings which drew as many as 18,000 and was a pioneer evangelist  
3 on radio and television. By 1969, Oral Roberts was one of America's  
4 best-known evangelists second only to his friend and fellow  
5 Oklahoman, Billy Graham; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Chancellor Oral Roberts founded Oral Roberts University  
15 (ORU) in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1963. The campus currently has over  
16 3,000 students, representing 61 countries, enrolled in 65  
17 undergraduate concentrations, 14 graduate-level degree programs and  
18 two doctoral programs. The core value of ORU is contained in their  
19 mission: to educate the whole person spirit, mind and body. ORU is  
20 fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member  
21 of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools with over  
22 37,000 in the alumni population. ORU students are fulfilling the  
23 call of going into every man's world; and

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

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

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

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

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
20 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22       THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature salutes the life of this  
23 famous Oklahoman, Oral Roberts, whose ministry and educational  
24 institution have benefitted our state immensely.

1        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature acknowledges the impact that  
2 Oral Roberts has had on the State of Oklahoma, especially Tulsa,  
3 Oklahoma, the location of Oral Roberts University.

4        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oral Roberts,  
5 Richard Roberts, Roberta Potts, Oral Roberts University, the  
6 Oklahoma Historical Society, and the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

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