

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 22

By: Paddack

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing March 25, 2009, as the  
8 centennial of East Central University; applauding  
9 students and alumni; extending commendations to  
10 faculty, administration, and staff; challenging the  
11 school to continue; and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, on January 12, 1909, during the 2nd Legislature meeting  
13 in Guthrie, Oklahoma, Senator D. M. Smith of Duncan, Oklahoma,  
14 introduced Senate Bill 83, which was later amended by Senator Rueben  
15 M. Roddie of Ada, Oklahoma, "Creating a Normal School to be located  
16 and established at, or within one mile of the city of Ada, Oklahoma,  
17 and Making an Appropriation for the Erection of Suitable Buildings."  
18 The purpose of the school was the same as the Normal School of the  
19 State of Oklahoma at Edmond, Oklahoma, and was under the control and  
20 direction of the same Board of Education. There was appropriated  
21 out of the public building fund of Oklahoma the sum of \$100,000 for  
22 the erection of a suitable building for the school at the City of  
23 Ada, Oklahoma, to be expended and used under the direction of the  
24 Board of Education; and

1       WHEREAS, Senate Bill 83 was passed by the Senate on March 8,  
2 1909, and by the House of Representatives on March 12, 1909.  
3 Governor C. N. Haskell signed the legislation on March 25, 1909.  
4 Although Senate Bill 83 referred to the "Normal School at Ada", a  
5 newspaper article used "East Central"; and

6       WHEREAS, the first official use of the name East Central State  
7 Normal School was in construction bid documents and then again in  
8 the law as part of appropriations language in 1910. In 1919 the  
9 name changed to East Central State Teachers College and then in 1939  
10 the institution was authorized to institute curricula in the arts  
11 and sciences as well as in teacher education resulting in the name  
12 becoming East Central State College. In 1974 the Oklahoma  
13 Legislature officially changed the name from East Central State  
14 College to East Central Oklahoma State University. In 1985 the  
15 official title became East Central University.

16       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
17 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes March 25, 2009, as the  
19 100th birthday of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, and  
20 commemorates and celebrates its centennial.

21       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds the students and alumni  
22 for whom the institution exists to serve.

23       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its commendations and  
24 appreciation to the generations of faculty, administrators, and

1 staff who have served and are serving to fulfill the mission of  
2 fostering a learning environment in which students, faculty, staff,  
3 and community interact to educate students for life in a rapidly  
4 changing and culturally diverse society.

5 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate challenges East Central  
6 University to continue to enrich the lives of its students during  
7 the next one hundred years.

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

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