

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 86

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution supporting the naming of a Tulsa Post
9 Office after the Chappelle Family; encouraging
Congress to do so; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Dr. T. Oscar and Mrs. Elizabeth Chappelle, Sr., served
13 as Pastor and First Lady of the Morning Star Baptist Church in
14 Tulsa, Oklahoma, from 1942-1990, a total of 48 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., during his pastorate increased
16 membership and giving, led in the building of a new sanctuary and
17 fellowship hall, and helped found the Morning Star Federal Credit
18 Union; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., was involved in many religious
20 organizations, most notably the National Baptist Convention USA,
21 Inc., the largest African-American religious organization in the
22 country, and served as President of the National Baptist Congress of
23 Christian Education, the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, and the
24 Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., was a founding board member for
2 Tulsa Junior College, now Tulsa Community College; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., served as Pastor of Morning Star
4 Baptist Church until his death in 1990, leaving a strong presence in
5 his church and community and was later succeeded by his son, Dr. T.
6 Oscar Chappelle, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., was married to Mrs. Elizabeth
8 Chappelle who supported her husband in his endeavors by serving as
9 First Lady of Morning Star Baptist Church, the National Baptist
10 Congress of Christian Education, the Oklahoma Baptist State
11 Convention, and the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian
12 Education; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle, like her husband, was involved in many
14 organizations like Meals on Wheels, the Women's Missionary Union,
15 the Deaconess Board, the Minister's Wives Association, and
16 professionally as a teacher for over 40 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle continued to be a positive influence in
18 the community until her death in 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. T. Oscar and Mrs. Janice Chappelle, Jr., served as
20 Pastor and First Lady of Morning Star Baptist Church from 1990-2005,
21 a total of 15 years; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., led Morning Star to new heights.
23 He continued to increase church membership, renovated all three
24 buildings, equipped the church with new technology, established

1 Heritage Hall, and led the Morning Star Federal Credit Union to
2 becoming a million dollar credit union; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., served as First Vice President of
4 the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, President of
5 the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, and
6 Budget Chairman of the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, as well as
7 being affiliated with many other organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., retired as Pastor of Morning Star
9 in 2005 and assumed the position of Pastor Emeritus and served in
10 that role until his death in 2008; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., was married to Mrs. Janice
12 Chappelle who stood by her husband's side as First Lady of Morning
13 Star Baptist Church as well as the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress
14 of Christian Education; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle, an avid believer in education, served
16 as a teacher in Tulsa Public Schools for 33 years and served as a
17 Sunday School teacher and instructor for the First United Baptist
18 District Congress of Christian Education and was also affiliated
19 with the Women's Missionary Union, Deaconess Board, and Alpha Kappa
20 Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle remained an influential person and
22 community servant until her death in 2008; and

23 WHEREAS, the Chappelle family continuously served the community
24 for over 60 years and has played an influential role in its growth.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
2 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate supports the naming of the United
4 States Post Office located at 626 E. Apache Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma
5 74106, the "Chappelle Family Post Office" in honor of these
6 community leaders.

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages the Congress of the
8 United States to adopt legislation to this affect.

9 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Chappelle
10 Family, Morning Star Baptist Church, the National Baptist
11 Convention, the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, and the Oklahoma
12 Congressional Delegation.

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