

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1053

By: Nollan

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution proclaiming and celebrating the
10 Centennial Birthday of the City of Sand Springs on
11 May 21, 2012; and directing distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, Charles Page was born in 1860 and as a child adopted
15 the philosophy of "Think Right"; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Page became a caretaker of his mother and
17 siblings at age 11 upon the death of his father; and

18 WHEREAS, Charles Page continually sent money to his mother while
19 he worked as a railway cook and dispatcher, clerk in a general
20 store, lumberjack, logger, policeman, police chief, detective for
21 the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, hotel owner, commodities
22 trader, gold miner, real estate developer, oil well driller and
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1 investor in power plants, all before moving to the Oklahoma Indian
2 Territory in 1901 and to the Tulsa area in 1903; and

3 WHEREAS, when Charles Page began to prosper, he never forgot how
4 his mother struggled in poverty to keep the family together with few
5 resources for widows or orphans and knowing first-hand how
6 fatherless children often had to forgo education to support
7 themselves and the family, he envisioned a planned community where
8 widows and orphans could live and become productive members of
9 society; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles Page rescued orphans in 1909 from a bankrupt
11 orphanage in Tulsa and founded the "Home" and through his efforts
12 over the years brought railway, water, electricity, greenhouse,
13 farm, dairy, school, amusement park, churches and industry to a
14 quarter-section of land he purchased west of Tulsa; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles Page's project that had been called "A Fool's
16 Enterprise" was officially incorporated on May 21, 1912, and was
17 named "Sand Springs" for its Indian heritage - "where the springs
18 come through the sand".

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives proclaims and
22 celebrates the Centennial Birthday of the City of Sand Springs on
23 May 21, 2012.

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1 THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Mike
2 Burdge, Mayor of the City of Sand Springs.

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4 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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