

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1053

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, when Charles Page began to prosper, he never forgot how
24 his mother struggled in poverty to keep the family together with few

1 resources for widows or orphans and knowing first-hand how
2 fatherless children often had to forgo education to support
3 themselves and the family, he envisioned a planned community where
4 widows and orphans could live and become productive members of
5 society; and

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

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

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

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

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

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