

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 2

By: David of the Senate

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9 A Concurrent Resolution commending the United States
10 Marshals and their role in Oklahoma history;
11 supporting the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith,
12 Arkansas; encouraging cooperation in promoting
13 cultural tourism; and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, President George Washington established the United
15 States Marshals by signing into law SB 1 on September 24, 1789,
16 making the United States Marshals the oldest federal law enforcement
17 agency in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals played a key role in
19 establishing law and order in Indian Territory and Oklahoma
20 Territory prior to statehood in 1907; and

21 WHEREAS, of the more than 250 documented U.S. Marshals and
22 Deputies who lost their lives in the line of duty, more were killed
23 in Indian Territory or Oklahoma Territory (what is now the State of
24 Oklahoma) than anywhere else in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals have served their country
2 and enforced the law during times of domestic unrest including the
3 Whiskey Rebellion of 1794, the Civil War and events leading up
4 thereto, the Pullman Strike of 1894, the Civil Rights era, and more;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service continues today to
7 serve the people of Oklahoma and their nation by pursuing and
8 arresting fugitives from justice, sexual predators who prey on
9 children, and other dangerous criminals; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service administers the
11 Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program that converts assets
12 seized from criminals used in certain criminal enterprises to cash
13 and returns millions of dollars to the victims of crime and to state
14 and local law enforcement agencies nationwide; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service provided heightened
16 security in the courtroom and elsewhere and protection for the
17 federal judiciary and court personnel in the aftermath of the
18 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on
19 April 19, 1995; and

20 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service further provided
21 secure transportation for court appearances in Oklahoma City for
22 Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols and provided for their safe and
23 secure transport to stand trial in Denver, Colorado, in 1997 and
24 1998; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service has made 2,755
2 fugitive arrests in Oklahoma in FY 2008 and 4,063 in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service has returned
4 \$5,347,109.00 to state and local law enforcement agencies in
5 Oklahoma in FY 2008 and \$6,642,536.00 in FY 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Service promotes the administration
7 of justice by protecting members of the federal judiciary,
8 transporting and incarcerating federal prisoners and protecting
9 witnesses in high profile criminal prosecutions, and more; and

10 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshal Service operates the Justice Prisoner
11 and Alien Transportation (JPATS) program that completes over 300,000
12 prisoner and alien movements per year by aircraft and ground
13 transportation with air fleet operations located in Oklahoma City;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Museum, to be built in Fort Smith,
16 Arkansas, seeks to honor the long and illustrious history of the
17 U.S. Marshals Service and its contribution to maintaining law and
18 order and our constitutional form of government; and

19 WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes
20 of the State of Oklahoma is represented on the Board of Directors of
21 the U.S. Marshals Museum; and

22 WHEREAS, the establishment of the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort
23 Smith, Arkansas, will create jobs in Oklahoma, increase Oklahoma
24 tourism and will have a positive economic impact on Oklahoma.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the State of Oklahoma commends the United States Marshals
5 Service for their long history of service to the State of Oklahoma
6 and to the United State of America.

7 THAT the State of Oklahoma supports the establishment of the
8 U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

9 THAT the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation and the
10 Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism are encouraged to cooperate
11 in promoting cultural tourism in Oklahoma and Arkansas to the
12 benefit of the citizens of both states.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the United
14 States Marshals Service and to the Director of the Oklahoma
15 Department of Tourism and Recreation.

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