

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1055

By: Proctor

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution celebrating the 75th anniversary of the  
9 construction of Will Rogers High School; and  
10 directing distribution.

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12 Whereas, Will Rogers once stated, "It isn't what we don't know  
13 that gives us trouble; it's what we know that ain't so."; and

14 WHEREAS, built during the Great Depression through funding from  
15 a Public Works Administration grant, Will Rogers High School in  
16 Tulsa, Oklahoma, now stands as one of the best examples of Art Deco  
17 high school architecture in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, the original building plan, nearly symmetric in a  
19 triangle of stepped blocks was completed in 1939, with 200,000  
20 square feet of space; and

21 WHEREAS, the elaborate Art Deco building was designed to instill  
22 pride, not only in the school itself by its design, function and  
23 beauty, but by its reference to an important native son, Will  
24 Rogers; and

1       WHEREAS, while the building itself is significant, the true  
2 story of the school is not told by her beautiful architecture or  
3 unique history. Rather, it is told through the contributions of her  
4 teachers, administration and over 40,000 alumni. Will Rogers High  
5 School alumni have led our country in the fields of military  
6 service, economics, education, entrepreneurship and entertainment;  
7 and

8       WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Will Rogers High School  
9 teachers, administration, students and the community of Tulsa,  
10 should be commended for the preservation both of the structure and  
11 the educational values the school was built to preserve.

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives celebrates the 75th  
15 anniversary of the construction of Will Rogers High School.

16       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Keith  
17 Ballard, Superintendent of the Tulsa Public Schools, Jo Anne Meade  
18 Lewis, Chair and President of the Will Rogers High School Community  
19 Foundation and Principal Cheryl Carter.

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