

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 16

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of
8 YWCA Tulsa.

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10 WHEREAS, on December 2, 2014, YWCA Tulsa will celebrate the
11 centennial anniversary of the organization's efforts to promote
12 peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all; and

13 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1914, YWCA Tulsa has been an
14 integral part of community efforts to serve the needs of women and
15 their families in the Tulsa area; and

16 WHEREAS, YWCA Tulsa's efforts to eliminate racism and empower
17 women stretch back to the community's greatest tragedy. In 1921,
18 after their own building was burned during the Tulsa Race Riot, YWCA
19 Tulsa opened a center in north Tulsa to offer shelter, support and
20 the basic necessities of life for African-American women left
21 homeless by the riot; and

22 WHEREAS, during the Great Depression, YWCA Tulsa helped numerous
23 women and their families cope in an era of tremendous scarcity and
24 suffering; and

1 WHEREAS, YWCA Tulsa today carries forward this tradition of
2 inclusion and empowerment through programs and advocacy in health
3 and wellness, immigrant and refugee services, racial justice,
4 women's empowerment and inclusion training that provide opportunity
5 and assistance for Tulsans; and

6 WHEREAS, YWCA Tulsa remains committed to helping Tulsans succeed
7 through wellness, wealth and education.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
9 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends YWCA Tulsa for the
11 outstanding service they provide to the Tulsa community and
12 congratulates them on 100 years of valuable advocacy and community
13 support.

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