

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 72

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 A Resolution congratulating Will Rogers High School  
7 in Tulsa on celebrating its 75th anniversary; and  
8 directing distribution.

9 WHEREAS, Tulsa's Will Rogers High School first opened in 1939,  
10 just four years after Oklahoma's favorite son died in a plane crash.  
11 The art deco building was designed by Leon B. Senter and Joseph R.  
12 Koberling, Jr. The school was featured in a Time magazine article,  
13 calling it one of the most progressive schools in the country; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1957, Will Rogers High School was presented with the  
15 Francis Bellamy Flag Award by Margarette S. Miller, biographer of  
16 Francis Bellamy who wrote the original Pledge of Allegiance in 1892.  
17 Will Rogers High School was selected for the outstanding  
18 achievements of its alumni, the citizenship and patriotism taught  
19 and practiced within the school and the leadership displayed by the  
20 principal; and

21 WHEREAS, on September 9, 2007, Will Rogers High School was added  
22 to the National Register of Historic Places; and

23 WHEREAS, the school is now known as Will Rogers Early College  
24 High School and Junior High, a college preparatory lottery magnet

1 school, offering on-campus college credit courses for juniors and  
2 seniors through Tulsa Community College; and

3 WHEREAS, Will Rogers alumni have achieved greatness in a number  
4 of fields, including NFL player and University of Tulsa Head  
5 Football Coach David Rader; singer and songwriter David Gates;  
6 Russell Myers, creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip  
7 "Broom Hilda"; Paula Combest Unruh, appointed by President Ronald  
8 Reagan to serve as Director of Consumer Affairs for the Department  
9 of Energy; along with many other successes in business,  
10 entertainment, medicine and academia; and

11 WHEREAS, Will Rogers Early College High School and Junior High  
12 has continued to build on its legacy of greatness, preparing new  
13 generations of Oklahomans to take their places as tomorrow's  
14 leaders.

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

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of all citizens of  
18 this state, commends the Will Rogers Early College High School and  
19 Junior High on its 75th anniversary.

20 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Principal  
21 Cheryl Carter, Tulsa Public Schools Board President Ruth Ann Fate  
22 and Superintendent Keith Ballard.

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