

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1011

By: Lawson of the House

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6 Gollihare of the Senate

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution commemorating April 14, 2025,
10 as Route 66 Day in the State of Oklahoma; recognizing
11 the historic and cultural importance of U.S. Route
12 66; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, U.S. Route 66, also known as the "Mother Road", was
14 established in 1926 and served as a vital artery of American
15 transportation, running from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica,
16 California, with over 400 miles traversing the State of Oklahoma;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Route 66 played a pivotal role in the migration west
19 during the Dust Bowl era, providing a path to opportunity and
20 survival for countless Oklahomans; and

21 WHEREAS, the communities along Route 66 in Oklahoma have long
22 served as vibrant centers of commerce, culture, and hospitality,
23 offering a unique blend of small-town charm, urban energy, and
24 scenic beauty; and

1 WHEREAS, the route has significantly contributed to Oklahoma's
2 tourism industry, drawing travelers from across the nation and
3 around the world who seek to experience its vintage landmarks,
4 historic motels, neon signs, and iconic diners; and

5 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's rich tribal heritage is deeply woven into
6 the Route 66 experience, with tribal nations preserving and sharing
7 cultural traditions, stories, art, and enterprises along the
8 historic highway; and

9 WHEREAS, Route 66 has become a symbol of Oklahoma's diverse
10 identity, celebrating our state's legacy of resilience, creativity,
11 and community spirit.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby commemorate April 11,
16 2025, as Route 66 Day, honoring its historical significance,
17 cultural richness, and ongoing impact on the State of Oklahoma.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be
19 distributed to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and
20 the Oklahoma Historical Society for appropriate observance and
21 celebration.

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