Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 86

By: Eason McIntyre, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Ellis, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Halligan, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution supporting the naming of a Tulsa Post Office after the Chappelle Family; encouraging Congress to do so; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. T. Oscar and Mrs. Elizabeth Chappelle, Sr., served as Pastor and First Lady of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from 1942-1990, a total of 48 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., during his pastorate increased membership and giving, led in the building of a new sanctuary and fellowship hall, and helped found the Morning Star Federal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., was involved in many religious organizations, most notably the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., the largest African-American religious organization in the country, and served as President of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, and the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., was a founding board member for Tulsa Junior College, now Tulsa Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., served as Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church until his death in 1990, leaving a strong presence in his church and community and was later succeeded by his son, Dr. T. Oscar Chappelle, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Sr., was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Chappelle who supported her husband in his endeavors by serving as First Lady of Morning Star Baptist Church, the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, and the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle, like her husband, was involved in many organizations like Meals on Wheels, the Women's Missionary Union, the Deaconess Board, the Minister's Wives Association, and professionally as a teacher for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle continued to be a positive influence in the community until her death in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. T. Oscar and Mrs. Janice Chappelle, Jr., served as Pastor and First Lady of Morning Star Baptist Church from 1990-2005, a total of 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., led Morning Star to new heights. He continued to increase church membership, renovated all three buildings, equipped the church with new technology, established Heritage Hall, and led the Morning Star Federal Credit Union to becoming a million dollar credit union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., served as First Vice President of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, President of

the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, and Budget Chairman of the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, as well as being affiliated with many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., retired as Pastor of Morning Star in 2005 and assumed the position of Pastor Emeritus and served in that role until his death in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chappelle, Jr., was married to Mrs. Janice Chappelle who stood by her husband's side as First Lady of Morning Star Baptist Church as well as the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle, an avid believer in education, served as a teacher in Tulsa Public Schools for 33 years and served as a Sunday School teacher and instructor for the First United Baptist District Congress of Christian Education and was also affiliated with the Women's Missionary Union, Deaconess Board, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chappelle remained an influential person and community servant until her death in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Chappelle family continuously served the community for over 60 years and has played an influential role in its growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate supports the naming of the United States Post Office located at 626 E. Apache Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74106, the "Chappelle Family Post Office" in honor of these community leaders.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation to this affect.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Chappelle Family, Morning Star Baptist Church, the National Baptist Convention, the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of February, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 18th **day of** February, **20** 10,

at 10:35 **o'clock** A **M.**

By: M. Susan Murphy