Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 9

By: Schulz of the Senate

and

Sullivan of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for 100 years of service to the citizens of Oklahoma; declaring 2011 "Transportation Year," and encouraging all citizens to celebrate Oklahoma's many transportation accomplishments; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature has declared it to be the policy of the State of Oklahoma that safe, adequate and efficient transportation facilities constructed at a reasonable cost to the citizens are essential to the economic growth of our state and the well-being of its people; and

WHEREAS, Oklahomans have pioneered many commonly accepted features of modern transportation including community involvement in the location and design of highways; the yield sign; the parking meter; the space suit and the electronic Pikepass; and

WHEREAS, the development and expansion of Route 66, and Interstates 35, 40 and 44 during the past 100 years has allowed Oklahoma to be known as the "Crossroads of America"; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Department was created by House Bill No. 318 approved on March 16, 1911 and became effective June 15 of that year; and

WHEREAS, Sydney Suggs, the first State Highway Commissioner, laid the groundwork for good highways in Oklahoma that is still being carried on today by the State Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 44 approved on March 14, 1924, established the first three-member State Highway Commission to oversee the State Highway Department and provide for construction and maintenance of a connected system of state highways; and

WHEREAS, the first chairman of the State Highway Commission was Cyrus S. Avery of Tulsa, who is known as the Father of Route 66 and who helped create the nation's highway numbering system; and

WHEREAS, the modern Oklahoma Department of Transportation was created by House Bill No. 1791 approved June 8, 1976, with responsibilities to develop a comprehensive transportation plan including highways, public transportation, railroads, waterways and aeronautics; and

WHEREAS, transportation funding was modernized in House Bill No. 1078, approved June 9, 2005, which changed funding trends for roads and bridges by creating the Rebuilding Oklahoma Access and Driver Safety Fund; and

WHEREAS, the change in funding trends was continued with House Bill No. 1176, approved June 27, 2006, which created the High Priority State Bridge Revolving Fund, and with House Bill No. 2272, approved June 2, 2008, which increased funding limits, providing a consistent, long-term funding solution; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation continues its commitment to the public of improving the state's highways, interstates and intermodal system of railroads, waterways and transit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares 2011 to be "Transportation Year," congratulates the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for one hundred years of service to the citizens of Oklahoma and encourages all citizens to celebrate Oklahoma's many transportation accomplishments.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Gary Ridley, Mr. Dan B. Overland, Chairman of the Transportation Commission, Mr. James H. Dunegan, Vice-Chairman, and Transportation Commission members Mr. Carlisle Mabrey, III, Mr. Jackie R. Cooper, Mr. Loyd Benson, Mr. Bruce Benbrook, Mr. Bradley W. Burgess, and Mr. Peter J. Regan.

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this

22nd **day of** March, **20** 11,

at 3:43 **o'clock** P **M.**

By: Michelle R. Day