

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 32

By: Fields, Allen, Anderson,  
Barrington, Bass, Bice,  
Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen,  
Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,  
Crain, Dahm, David, Floyd,  
Ford, Fry, Garrison,  
Griffin, Halligan, Holt,  
Jech, Jolley, Justice,  
Loveless, Marlatt,  
Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry,  
Paddack, Pittman, Quinn,  
Schulz, Sharp, Shaw,  
Shortey, Silk, Simpson,  
Smalley, Sparks,  
Standridge, Stanislawski,  
Sykes, Thompson, Treat,  
Wyrick and Yen

A Resolution recognizing the 85th anniversary of the unveiling of the Pioneer Woman Statue in Ponca City; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in October 1926, Ernest Whitworth Marland, the 10th governor of Oklahoma, commissioned twelve statue designs to be submitted for a contest to create a monument memorializing the disappearing West; and

WHEREAS, London-born Bryant Baker had the winning design, which was a 30-foot-tall statue of a young mother with her head held high, confidently leading her son by one hand with a Bible in the other; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Woman Statue was unveiled in a special ceremony by Will Rogers and recognized by President Herbert Hoover on April 22, 1930, as a magnificent tribute to the pioneer woman's part in building the West; and

WHEREAS, through the philanthropy of E.W. Marland, the Pioneer Woman Statue was erected and dedicated to all pioneer women in appreciation of their heroic character and for braving the dangers and enduring the hardships of the daily life of our pioneers and homesteaders; and

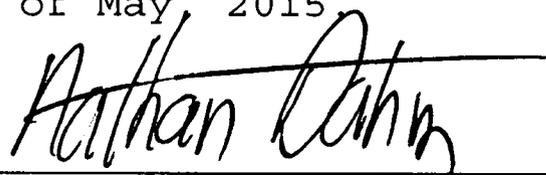
WHEREAS, the 85th anniversary of the unveiling of the Pioneer Woman Statue in Ponca City was celebrated on April 22, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the 85th anniversary of the unveiling of the Pioneer Woman Statue in Ponca City.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Dr. Bob Blackburn and Ponca City Mayor Homer Nicholson.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of May, 2015

  
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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 7<sup>th</sup>

day of May, 20 15, at 9:54 o'clock A. M.

By: 