

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Stephens, Alvord,
Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks,
Bullard, Burns, Coleman,
Dahm, Daniels, Dossett,
Dugger, Floyd, Garvin,
Gollihare, Green, Hall,
Hamilton, Haste, Hicks,
Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd,
Kirt, Matthews, McCortney,
Montgomery, Murdock,
Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,
Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh,
Rader, Rogers, Rosino,
Seifried, Standridge,
Stanley, Stewart, Thompson
(Kristen), Thompson
(Roger), Treat, Weaver,
Woods, and Young of the
Senate

12 and

13 McDugle, Bashore, and Stark
14 of the House

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16 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the history and
17 tourism behind the Golden Driller; recognizing
18 contributions of Oklahoma's oil and gas industry;
19 recognizing role of John Franklin Stephens Jr.; and
20 directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, the first International Petroleum Exposition and
22 Congress was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1923; and

23 WHEREAS, the International Petroleum Exposition (IPE) continued
24 to be held in Tulsa to educate workers and the public and serve as a
marketplace for new equipment; and

1 WHEREAS, at the 1953 IPE, the first "Golden Driller" was put on
2 display by the Mid-Continent Supply Company. The Texas company
3 returned in 1959 with a second temporary driller statue; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1966, the Golden Driller was permanently installed,
5 and the IPE had the largest attendance in the event's history; and

6 WHEREAS, with an arm resting on an oil derrick and standing at
7 76 feet and weighing 43,500 pounds, the towering Golden Driller
8 statue became a Tulsa landmark and was named the state monument in
9 1979; and

10 WHEREAS, the Golden Driller was modeled after Sapulpa resident
11 John Franklin Stephens Jr., who was 29 at the time and served as the
12 superintendent of the Golden Driller Project; and

13 WHEREAS, the Driller was dedicated to the men of the petroleum
14 industry and serves as a reminder of Oklahoma's rich history in the
15 oil and gas industry.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
17 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the history and
20 tourism behind the state monument, the Golden Driller.

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the contributions
22 of the oil and gas industry to the state's economy and history.

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