

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 32

By: Fields

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, through the philanthropy of E.W. Marland, the Pioneer
24 Woman Statue was erected and dedicated to all pioneer women in

1 appreciation of their heroic character and for braving the dangers
2 and enduring the hardships of the daily life of our pioneers and
3 homesteaders; and

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

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

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

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

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