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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO HONOR, ON FEBRUARY 5, 2025, THE SESQUICENTENNIAL
10 OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY OF OSCEOLA.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE FOUNDING OF THE
16 CITY OF OSCEOLA.

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18 WHEREAS, the City of Osceola is located in east-central Mississippi
19 County and was established in 1837, then became a city in 1853, and was
20 incorporated a second time in 1875; and

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22 WHEREAS, Osceola is one (1) of the two (2) county seats of Mississippi
23 County, one (1) of two (2) judicial districts in the county, and is situated
24 in the flat and fertile Arkansas Delta along the Mississippi River; and

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26 WHEREAS, the area Osceola now occupies was once inhabited by Native
27 American tribes, and Europeans arrived around the time of the Louisiana
28 Purchase in 1803; and

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30 WHEREAS, the area Osceola now occupies began to be more widely settled
31 during the 1830s following the New Madrid earthquake swarm of 1811-12, which
32 was the highest magnitude earthquake in North America east of the Rocky
33 Mountains and significantly reshaped the geography of the area; and

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35 WHEREAS, from the time of its founding, Osceola grew in stature and
36 economy due to the industries of timber and cotton harvesting; and



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2 WHEREAS, the growth of the critical timber and cotton harvesting
3 industries were buoyed by Osceola's eastern border, which follows the levee
4 that protects the city from, yet also gives it access to, the Mississippi
5 River, and thereby facilitated the transportation of goods by steamboat; and
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7 WHEREAS, Osceola has a population of nearly seven thousand (7,000); and
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9 WHEREAS, Osceola is famous for its role in the development of blues
10 music and many famous blues musicians are Osceola natives, including Calvin
11 Frazier, Albert King, Harvey Scales, and Son Seals; and
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13 WHEREAS, Osceola has also been home to musicians across other musical
14 genres, including Buddy Jewell, Billy Lee Riley, Jimmy Thomas, and Reggie
15 Young; and
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17 WHEREAS, to celebrate its rich musical heritage, Osceola Main Street,
18 Inc. has been hosting the Osceola Heritage Music Festival since 1998,
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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
22 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 THAT the Senate honor, on February 5, 2025, the sesquicentennial of the
25 founding of the City of Osceola.
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
28 presented to Osceola Mayor Joe Harris, Jr. by the Secretary of the Senate.
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