

# Commemorating Robert L. Owen's place in history



In October, the Oklahoma City Branch of the The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City unveiled an exhibit commemorating former Oklahoma Senator Robert L. Owen.

Owen sponsored the Federal Reserve Act in the U.S. Senate, which President Woodrow Wilson signed into law Dec. 23, 1913. Owen's bill authorized the creation of the Federal Reserve System, the United States' first central bank in more than 75 years, including both a government agency in Washington, D.C., and 12 regional Reserve Banks around the country.

The exhibit, which is in the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City, opened to the public following the dedication on Oct. 17, and contains several Federal Reserve artifacts and a bronze bust of Senator Owen.



The dedication coincided with the Kansas City Fed's joint-board meeting in Oklahoma City. President Esther George, top left photo, center, spoke at the ceremony as did former Oklahoma City Branch Board directors Steven Agee, top left photo, right, dean and professor of Economics at the Meinders School of Business, and Bill Anoatubby, top left photo, left, governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about the Owen exhibit, visit <http://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/federalreserve/index.html>.