A Concurrent Resolution congratulating John Smith on winning the Olympic Gold Medal and being named the head wrestling coach at Oklahoma State University; expressing appreciation for the enjoyment these accomplishments have provided to Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoman John Smith has once again brought honor to this state by his worldwide wrestling achievements, most recently by winning the Olympic Gold Medal at the XXV Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is the latest in a long line of awards and victories earned by John Smith, considered to be the best amateur wrestler in the world; and

WHEREAS, John Smith's wrestling triumphs include the following: 1987, 1989, 1990 and 1991 World Freestyle Wrestling Championship title; Gold Medalist at the XXIV Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea; Gold Medalist at the XXV Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain; two NCAA titles; Pan American Games wrestling champion; United States Olympic Festival wrestling champion; the James E. Sullivan Award for the nation's outstanding amateur athlete; and the United States Olympic Committee's 1991 Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the measure of a man is not only what he has accomplished, but what he contributes, and John Smith, through his
diligence and hard work and in gaining worldwide recognition and success, has contributed much to the sport of amateur wrestling as well as providing a positive role model for all Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, John Smith is now the head wrestling coach at Oklahoma State University, where he won two NCAA titles and added a new chapter to the tradition of wrestling glory within the hallowed walls of Gallagher-Iba Arena; and

WHEREAS, John Smith, as a coach and a teacher, can now offer his technique and his experiences to many young wrestlers throughout Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the people of Oklahoma, hereby extends sincere congratulations to John Smith for his outstanding accomplishments in the sport of wrestling, particularly winning the Gold Medal at the XXV Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, and being named the head wrestling coach at Oklahoma State University, and expresses great pride in his many achievements and his contributions to the sport of wrestling.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to John Smith and his family, and to the President and Athletic Director of Oklahoma State University.

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