STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1109

By: Boyd (Laura), Crocker, Hilliard and York of the House

and

Hobson of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending and congratulating Barry Switzer, Head Coach of the Dallas Cowboys; establishing Wednesday, May 11, 1994, as "Coach Barry Switzer Day" in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Barry Switzer compiled an amazing 157-29-4 career record as head football coach of the University of Oklahoma, leading the Sooners to three national championships, twelve Big Eight Conference titles and eight bowl victories; and

WHEREAS, his .837 winning percentage at Oklahoma is the fourth highest winning percentage in college football history, placing Barry Switzer in the same class with legendary coaches Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy and George Woodruff; and

WHEREAS, while at the University of Oklahoma, Barry Switzer recruited and coached some of the greatest players in college football history; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of Barry Switzer, several Sooners earned individual honors to complement their team success, including one Heisman Trophy winner, two Lombardi Award winners, one Jim Thorpe Award winner, one Defensive Player of the Year, and a two-time Butkus Award winner; and

WHEREAS, Coach Switzer's personal achievements rival the achievements of his team, including awards from the Walter Camp Football Foundation, the Big Eight Conference, NCAA District V, the Washington Pigskin Club, "The Sporting News", "Football News", "Playboy", The Associated Press and United Press International; and

WHEREAS, though Barry Switzer is not a native Oklahoman, he remains one of Oklahoma's most beloved public figures; and

WHEREAS, the people of this state understandably look to Barry Switzer with pride and admiration, taking great satisfaction at his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Barry Switzer was, earlier this year, named head coach of the National Football League's two-time defending World Champion Dallas Cowboys; and

WHEREAS, by accepting this daunting challenge, Barry Switzer has again brought pride to Oklahoma, his adopted state, and to the people who call him "neighbor"; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature, acting on behalf of the people of this state, wishes Coach Switzer the best of luck in this new challenge, the greatest he has ever accepted; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma look forward to the Dallas Cowboys' third straight Super Bowl victory, this time with Head Coach Barry Switzer being held aloft by his players.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby commends and congratulates Barry Switzer on his becoming the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and for his lifelong commitment to excellence.

THAT Wednesday, May 11, 1994, is hereby designated as "Coach Barry Switzer Day" in Oklahoma.

THAT a duly authenticated copy hereof shall be transmitted to Barry Switzer.

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