

SHORT TITLE: Designating a portion of Oklahoma State Highway 97 as "The Marques Haynes Highway"; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 048

By: Cullison and Long (Lewis)
of the Senate

and

Satterfield and Johnson
(Glen) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating a portion of Oklahoma State Highway 97 as "The Marques Haynes Highway"; directing the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to place suitable markers at appropriate sites upon Highway 97; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Marques Haynes is internationally known as the greatest dribbler and ball handler ever to play the game of basketball; and

WHEREAS, during a career which spanned nearly seven decades, Marques Haynes starred with the Harlem Globetrotters, the Harlem Magicians, Meadowlark Lemon's Bucketeers and the Harlem Wizards; and

WHEREAS, Marques Haynes graduated from Langston University in 1946 and since that date has traveled four million miles, visiting nearly one hundred countries, while playing in over twelve thousand basketball games; and

WHEREAS, during his life Marques Haynes has encountered poverty, endured prejudice, as well as experienced the privilege of performing before kings and popes; and

WHEREAS, Marques Haynes never forgot his boyhood home and told the editors of "Sports Illustrated" magazine in a special edition article on his life, that he wished to "play my last game right where I played my first game, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma"; and

WHEREAS, Marques Haynes has spent his life as an ambassador of good will, using his extraordinary basketball talents to bring joy to millions, young and old, in multi-million dollar arenas before standing-room-only crowds, in small, dimly-lit rural gymnasiums and in hospital rooms of those who could only dream of meeting the World's Greatest Dribbler.

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

THAT the portion of Oklahoma State Highway 97 from Sand Springs to Sapulpa which runs by the boyhood home of Marques Haynes be designated "The Marques Haynes Highway".

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall cause suitable markers to be placed at appropriate sites upon Highway 97, bearing the name "The Marques Haynes Highway".

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Marques Haynes, to members of the Oklahoma Transportation Commission and to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

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