

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1017 By: Anthony, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Bastin, Begley, Benson, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Breckinridge, Bryant, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Cotner, Cox, Cozort, Crocker, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Dunlap, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Holt, Hutchison, Johnson, Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCorkell, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, O'Neal, Paulk, Peltier, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Ramsey, Reese, Rhodes, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Seikel, Settle, Smaligo, Smith (Bill), Smith (Dale), Staggs, Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Stottlemire, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Tyler, Vaughn, Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Wells, Widener and Worthen

A Resolution congratulating the Oklahoma State University Cowboy basketball team for its outstanding accomplishments; declaring April 1, 1995, as "Beat UCLA Day" in the State of Oklahoma; directing resolution be made part of the permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State University Cowboy basketball team has reached the ultimate in NCAA college basketball, the Final Four; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma State returns to the Final Four for the first time in 44 years; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboys have compiled a record of 27 wins and 9 losses on their march to Seattle for the 1995 Final Four, including the NCAA East Regional Championship with wins over Drexel, the number five seed Alabama, the number one seed and ACC Champion Wake Forest, and the number two seed and Atlantic 10 Champion, the University of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboys started this "March Madness" by winning the Big Eight Conference Tournament Championship for the first time since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Eddie Sutton, Assistant Coaches Paul Graham, Sean Sutton, Randall Dickey, Corey Williams, Strength Coach LeRoy Youster, Trainer Steve York, and team managers Doug Ogle, Pat Noyes, Ran Leonard, Layne Jones, Chuck Liston, and student trainer Brian Kiker have restored the storied basketball tradition at Oklahoma State University established by Coach Sutton's mentor and friend, the legendary Henry P. Iba, who coached the Cowboys to consecutive National Championships in 1945 and 1946; and

WHEREAS, Coach Eddie Sutton, with a career record of 553 wins and 208 losses in 25 years of coaching, is the only coach in the history of college basketball to take four different teams to the NCAA basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboys have given the State of Oklahoma, as well as Cowboys fans across the nation, a season filled with excitement and thrills by playing in-your-face, wear-you-down, can't-be-beat defense, draining a record number of three-pointers, and playing the game as it was meant to be played, as a team; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboys, consisting of Bryant "Big Country" Reeves, an All America selection and two-time Big Eight Player of the Year, and the Most Valuable Player in the East Regional of the 1995 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship, Randy Rutherford, a record setting sharp shooter and first team All Big Eight Conference selection, Scott Pierce, Andre Owens, Terry Collins, Chianti Roberts, Jason Skaer, Kevin Miles, Ben Baum, John Nelson, Chad Alexander, Randy Staats, Mike Hendren, Tommy Warner, Jerome Lambert and Maurice Robinson have won the hearts of the people of this state as a result of their talent, determination and courage; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma State's road to the Final Four in the Emerald City of Seattle, Washington, has provided the people of this great state with the purest of fun and joy that is still the heart and soul of college athletics, and the people of this state stand as beneficiaries of the great accomplishments of this team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives on behalf of the people of the State of Oklahoma hereby extends a heartfelt congratulations to the Oklahoma State University Cowboy basketball team for its outstanding accomplishments including the Big Eight Conference Tournament Championship and a participant in the NCAA Basketball Championship Final Four, and congratulates the fine behavior that exemplifies the quality of not only the team but of the people of our entire state.

THAT Saturday, April 1, 1995, be declared "Beat UCLA Day" in the State of Oklahoma and that the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all Oklahomans to support the Cowboys in their quest for a third NCAA Basketball Championship.

THAT this resolution be made a permanent record in the House Journal and that copies be distributed to Coaches Eddie Sutton, Paul Graham, Sean Sutton, Randall Dickey, Corey Williams, LeRoy Youster, Trainer Steve York, Managers Doug Ogle, Pat Noyes, Ran Leonard, Layne Jones, Chuck Liston, Student Trainer Brian Kiker, and players Bryant Reeves, Terry Collins, Randy Rutherford, Andre Owens, John Nelson, Jason Skaer, Chianti Roberts, Kevin Miles, Ben Baum, Chad Alexander, Scott Pierce, Randy Staats, Mike Hendren, Tommy Warner, Jerome Lambert, and Maurice Robinson.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 29th day of March,
1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives