

SHORT TITLE: Congratulating and commending the Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 50

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution congratulating and commending the Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University won their third straight NAIA Women's Division I Basketball National Championship with an 80-79 victory over the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Lady Savages in Jackson, Tennessee, on March 19, 1996. A crowd of 3,954 attending this game brought the tournament's attendance total to 39,034, a new national championship record; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Redskins own the record of 104 consecutive home victories and became the first women's team in the history of basketball to win more than 100 consecutive victories at home having gone undefeated at home since January, 1989 while battling in the most competitive state in America for NAIA women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, the national championship victory made the Lady Redskins the first champion in the 15-year history of the tournament to win three consecutive championships. The Lady Redskins finished the 1995-1996 season with a record of 35-2; and

WHEREAS, the SNU Lady Redskins team included NAIA All-American first-teamer Julia Yunusova, a senior from Moscow, Russia; NAIA All-American second-teamer Becky Cole, a senior from Weatherford, Oklahoma; and NAIA All-American second-teamer Astou Ndiaye, a junior from Dakar, Senegal. Coach Jerry Finkbeiner was selected as the

NAIA National Coach of the Year for Women's Basketball for the third consecutive season, and Gayla Smith and Astou Ndiaye were both named NAIA Academic All-Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the 1995-1996 Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University for winning the 1996 NAIA Women's Division I Basketball National Championship.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the 1995-1996 Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University for their "three-peat" making them the first three-time, back-to-back national champions for women's college basketball.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Loren Gresham, President, Southern Nazarene University; Coach Jerry Finkbeiner; and the members of the 1995-1996 NAIA national championship Southern Nazarene University Lady Redskins basketball team.

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