

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 79 By: Campbell, Brown, Cain, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Rabon, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams, Williamson and Wright

A Resolution praising the Owasso Rams baseball team; congratulating them for winning the Class 6A state baseball title; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, both last year and this year, the Owasso Rams baseball team survived the losers bracket in pool play to reach the state finals; and

WHEREAS, for the last two seasons the Owasso Rams baseball team believed itself to be the best Class 6A baseball team in the state but did not have a trophy to prove it; and

WHEREAS, in the 1998 state championship game, head coach Larry Turner gambled by starting pitcher Michael Bradbury against the Muskogee team even though Bradbury had pitched the night before; and

WHEREAS, in over 48 games, the Owasso Rams scored 545 runs for an average of 11.4 per outing. In the championship game, seven of the nine starters produced hits and third baseman Scott Campbell went 4-for-4. Ryan North hit a three-run homer, his tenth of the season; and

WHEREAS, this is the fourth state title for Owasso and the second for head coach Larry Turner, a 1973 Rams All-State catcher who played on the first two championship teams; and

WHEREAS, the Owasso Rams baseball team set one record and came close to another. Their 45 victories were the second highest total in state history and the most ever by a spring championship team; and

WHEREAS, the Owasso Rams 1998 boys baseball team were 6A Regional Champions, Pacificare Ram Classic Tournament Champions, Frontier Conference Champions, were ranked third in the nation by the National High School Baseball Coach's Association, ranked eighth in the nation by "USA Today" newspaper, set a record with four players selected to play for Oklahoma in the Sunbelt Classic and finished fifth in the American Legion World Series, the only state team in the nation to be composed of players from just one high school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the Owasso Rams baseball team.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the Owasso Rams for winning the Class 6A state baseball title.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Owasso Rams head coach Larry Turner.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of May, 1998.

President of the Senate