

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1013

By: Phillips, Key and Graves

AS INTRODUCED

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

WHEREAS, the 1996-1997 Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University won an unprecedented fourth consecutive NAIA Women's Division I Basketball National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Redskins own the record of the longest home court winning streak with 114 consecutive home victories and are 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 only champion in the history of the tournament to win four consecutive championships. The Lady Redskins finished the 1996-1997 season with a season record of 32-4 and a combined four-year record of 130-8; and

WHEREAS, the SNU Lady Redskins team roster includes Astou Ndiaye, First Team All-American, Academic All-American, National Tournament MVP and NAIA All Tournament Team; Gayla Smith, Academic All-American and Second Team All Conference; Tonna Woolery, National Tournament All Tournament Team, National Tournament Hustle Award

Winner and Leann Bezner, Freshman of the Year, National Tournament All Tournament Team and Third Team All-American; and

WHEREAS, senior players Astou Ndiaye and Gayla Smith are only the third and fourth players in the history of both women or men basketball play to win a national title every year of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, Coach Craig Wiginton, in his first year as head coach of the SNU Lady Redskins, was selected as the NAIA National Coach of the Year for Women's Basketball.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates the 1996-1997 Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University for winning the 1997 NAIA Women's Division I Basketball National Championship.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the 1996-1997 Lady Redskins basketball team of Southern Nazarene University for setting the standard of excellence for women's basketball and for their unprecedented "four-peat".

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Loren Gresham, President of Southern Nazarene University; Coach Craig Wiginton; and the members of the 1996-1997 NAIA national championship Southern Nazarene University Lady Redskins basketball team.

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