

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1062

By: Glover

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Cameron Aggie Club's first intercollegiate rodeo featuring, as First Place winners, the Oklahoma A & M Cowpokes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on April 1 and April 2 of 1948, twelve southwestern rodeo teams competed in the Cameron Aggie Club's first intercollegiate rodeo held in the Lawton Rangers' L O ranch arena, southwest of Lawton; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma A & M team members had to leave Stillwater for Lawton on a Friday and, due to their loyalty to the honor of their school, reluctantly cut classes that day, something that was never excused by the school; and

WHEREAS, named as the all-around cowboy at the intercollegiate rodeo was Larry Kilgore of Tulsa. Other members of the team and winners at the rodeo included Leo Roberts of Tulsa, Clem McSpadden of Oologah, Harold Emery of Tulsa and Turner Meadors of Wetumka; and

WHEREAS, each participant won between \$22.00 and \$55.00, which were considered large sums of money for those days, as prizes for their skill in areas such as calf roping, bull riding, steer wrestling, and bareback bronc riding; and

WHEREAS, the Tulsa team members learned their rodeo skills from a program for city kids called the Mounted Troopers, which was a program dedicated to bringing city kids to the range; and

WHEREAS, among the 12 competing schools from Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, Kansas and New Mexico, the Stillwater A & M team captured the team trophy at the rodeo; and

WHEREAS, that team trophy deserves a place of honor in this state for all to enjoy and appreciate the role of the cowboy in Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Cameron Aggie Club's first intercollegiate rodeo featuring, as First Place winners, the "Oklahoma A & M Cowpokes".

THAT the trophy won at that rodeo be given a place of honor in this state.

THAT the members of this team be given belated excuses for missing their Friday classes just prior to the commencement of the rodeo.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Larry Kilgore, Leo Roberts, Clem McSpadden, Harold Emery and Turner Meadors.

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