

SHORT TITLE: Congratulating the Broken Arrow High School Basketball Team on their championship season; praising the coaches and team for their all-star attitude; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 18

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution congratulating the Broken Arrow High School Basketball Team for their championship season; praising the coaches and team for their all-star attitude; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Broken Arrow High School Basketball Team won the Class 6A boy's state championship by defeating the number one ranked Midwest City; overcoming Sapulpa, a team that had beaten them twice during the regular season; and, after being behind twice, upsetting Tulsa Memorial, a team that was ranked number one in preseason polls. Broken Arrow's team was correctly labeled by the press as a "Cinderella" team that no one expected to triumph; and

WHEREAS, this is the first time the Broken Arrow High School Boy's Basketball Team has won a state title and only the third time the team has made it to the state tournament. This is the third time in history that a boy's athletic team from Broken Arrow High School has won a state title. The Broken Arrow boy's cross country team shared a championship 25 years ago and the Broken Arrow boy's baseball team won the championship in 1991; and

WHEREAS, twice before Coach John Phillips had taken a basketball team from another school to the state tournament but did not win. All season Coach Phillips had said that this was a team without stars, but junior forward Jon Belt proved that any player can be a star. This was a team that relied on defense and teamwork, a team where every player made a contribution and no one ever gave up.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the Broken Arrow  
High School Basketball Team for its championship season.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the Broken Arrow High  
School Basketball coaches and team for their all-star attitude.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Broken  
Arrow High School Athletic Director Ken Ellett; Basketball Coach  
John Phillips; Assistant Coaches Lance Crawley and Mike Humphrey;  
and Broken Arrow High School Principal Kyle Wood.

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