SHORT TITLE: Honoring the educational achievements of Marvin Stokes; proclaiming May 18, 1998, as "Marvin Stokes Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 75 By: Wilkerson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the educational achievements of Marvin Stokes; proclaiming May 18, 1998, as "Marvin Stokes Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Marvin Stokes grew up on a farm at Corley, south of Stratford, Oklahoma. He graduated from high school at East Central's Horace Mann, received his bachelor's degree at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, and his masters degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from East Central University in 1934, Marvin Stokes taught math and science and coached baseball at Vanoss School. During his two-year stay at Vanoss, Marvin Stokes taught and coached students, some of whom were older than he was; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, Marvin Stokes moved to Byng, Oklahoma, where he taught math and science, speech and debate and coached baseball. During his coaching career, Marvin Stokes led his teams to seven state championships. When he became principal, Marvin Stokes continued to teach and coach. In 1970, Marvin Stokes was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Byng School Principal Marvin Stokes was selected as Superintendent of Byng schools. Since that time the schools have experienced phenomenal growth. The majority of the buildings have been built by carpentry and construction trade classes in the school. Marvin Stokes has implemented 13 vocational

classes, more than any other comprehensive high school in the state; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Stokes encourages students to compete at every opportunity. Each year his schools participate in numerous scholastic meets. Both Byng High School and Byng Elementary School have received the National Blue Ribbon Award; and

WHEREAS, besides his dedication to education, Marvin Stokes has also demonstrated his commitment to public service. He has served on the State Board of Human Rights, the State Board of Vocational-Technical Education, and the Oklahoma Legislative Task Force on School Finance; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Stokes demonstrated his professionalism by membership and participation in the Oklahoma Education Association, National Education Association, American Association of School Administrators, Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials, Cooperative Organization of School Administrators and the 100 Club of Administrators in North America; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Stokes has been recognized and honored by receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award from East Central University, by being selected as District 14 Administrator of the Year for two years, by being chosen to receive the Oklahoma Award for Excellence in Public School Administration in 1992, by receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators in 1997 and by induction into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Stokes has devoted a total of 62 years of service to the Byng schools. Education has been his primary interest and he continues to have plans for the schools' growth and improvement.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the educational achievements of Marvin Stokes.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate proclaims May 18, 1998, as "Marvin Stokes Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Marvin Stokes and Byng Schools.

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