ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 79

By: Harrison of the Senate

and

Ferguson of the House

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the Perry High School wrestling team; declaring July 8, 2000, "Perry World Wrestling Reunion Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Perry, Oklahoma, is recognized as the "Wrestling Capital of the World" by providing an outstanding high school wrestling program for the past 78 years. Perry has produced 124 individual state champions and holds the national title of 29 State Championships; and

WHEREAS, along with numerous All-Americans, some of Perry's hometown talent includes: Jack VanBebber, winner of three NCAA Titles for Oklahoma A&M and an Olympic Gold Medallist; Gordon Roesler, NCAA Champion for the University of Oklahoma; and Danny Hodge, winner of three NCAA Titles for the University of Oklahoma, an Olympic Silver Medallist, and a well-known professional wrestler; and

WHEREAS, the Perry High School wrestling program was begun by Frank Briscoe in 1922. Through the years the Maroons have been under the direction of many great coaches including Frank Briscoe, Euel Leach, Rex Edgar, Fred Waltermire, Kenneth Coldiron, Leonard Shelton, Steve Randall, John Divine, Terry Leonard, and the Maroons' current wrestling coach, Scott Chenoweth. Each of these coaches has carved a special niche of distinction as a leader of the Perry Maroons as the Perry wrestling tradition continues; and

WHEREAS, the 1998, 1999 and 2000 Perry High School wrestling teams all won victories as Class 2A State Champions, Dual State Champions, Regional Champions, and State Champions; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2000, there will be a worldwide reunion of Perry Maroon wrestlers as alumni from the Perry Maroon wrestling program from all over the world converge on Perry, Oklahoma, to reestablish its status as the Wrestling Capital of the World.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the Perry High School Maroon wrestling team for its 3 years back-to-back triumphs as 1998, 1999 and 2000 Class 2A State Champions.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares July 8, 2000, "Perry World Wrestling Reunion Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Perry Maroon 1999-2000 high school wrestling coaches Scott Chenoweth, Mark Baetz, and Tom Betchan; Principal Les Justus; and Superintendent of Schools Larry Fry.

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of April, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives