

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 46

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A Resolution congratulating Northwestern Oklahoma State University for winning the 1999 NAIA Football National Championship; praising the University's football program; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma, has a great tradition in its football program. As a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Central States Football League (CSFL), the Northwestern Rangers compete annually on a national scale and are one of the premier small college programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Rangers completed a perfect 13-0 season with a 34-26 victory over Georgetown College to win the school's first NAIA National Football Championship. This was the first time in school history that the Rangers have gone unbeaten and untied on the gridiron. Thirteen wins in a season mark the most in the team's history. This was also the first time a second-ranked team upset a first-ranked team in the NAIA Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, January 14, 2000, was proclaimed "Northwestern Oklahoma State University Ranger Day" in the State of Oklahoma. On January 15, 2000, the national championship banner was officially raised to its permanent location in the Percefull Fieldhouse on the Alva campus of Northwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, Northwestern Oklahoma State University football coach Tim Albin has been named the division's National Coach of the Year by "American Football Coach" magazine and was one of three finalists considered for the Headliner Special Award, given to the top coach in the state.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers football team for winning the 1999 NAIA Football National Championship.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Northwestern State University's football program.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Northwestern Oklahoma State University President Joe Struckle and Football Coach Tim Albin.

Adopted by the Senate the 9th day of February, 2000.

President of the Senate