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Calvey of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution praising the renovation of the University of Oklahoma Memorial Union; opposing the addition of a pub to the Union; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, during the past few years, in excess of \$16 million has been allocated to improving space in the University of Oklahoma Memorial Union. The renovation has created space for a 24-hour computer lab, learning center, student activity center, Center for Student Life, Student Affairs, Career Services, lounge space, food court and meeting rooms. The facility operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the benefit of the students; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 8, 1999, the Student Congress voted 15-14 to approve the addition of a pub to the University of Oklahoma Memorial Union. The topic was not without debate and the resolution passed by a single vote; and

WHEREAS, the previous week, an alcohol-awareness speaker presented a lecture on the stages of drinking in the Catlett Music Center's Sharp Hall. A recovering alcoholic, the speaker challenged the audience to evaluate their own alcohol consumption status. Previous speakers have addressed the legal issues related to drinking but this speaker stressed to dangers of consuming alcoholic beverages. The speaker asked the students to recognize their personal drinking level and then offered them alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Norman, Oklahoma, already has an array of local bars that make drinking activities available to the university student.

These private establishments presently offer the resident, visitor, guest or student in Norman numerous opportunities to partake of alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the University of Oklahoma Memorial Union for their current renovations, making the student union the center of student life.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature opposes any and all action to add a pub to the University of Oklahoma Memorial Union or otherwise promoting the use of alcoholic beverages by students within the borders of the University community.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, the President of the University of Oklahoma, the President of the University of Oklahoma Student Association (UOSA) and the Administrator of the University of Oklahoma Memorial Union.

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