ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 75

By: Hobson, Nichols, Henry, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Coffee, Crutchfield, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Herbert, Horner, Johnson, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams and Williamson of the Senate

and

Nations, Hilliard, Miller (Doug), Balkman and Coleman of the House

A Concurrent Resolution praising the 2001-2002 University of Oklahoma Sooners Women's Basketball Team for winning the Big 12 regular season title, Big 12 Tournament Crown, first ever NCAA Regional Title, NCAA Final Four appearance, and NCAA National Championship game; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma Sooners Women's Basketball Team finished the season with the most wins (32) and the fewest losses (4) in school history. The Sooners became the third team in NCAA Basketball Tournament history to have both its men's and women's programs competing in the Final Four the same year. The University of Oklahoma Sooners Women's Basketball Team earned its highest ranking ever of Number Two in the nation in both the USA Today/ESPN Coaches and Associated Press polls; and

WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma Sooners Women's Basketball National Championship game against Connecticut was watched by more viewers than any other game in ESPN's history of televising college basketball. This span includes 5,349 games in 23 seasons. The game, held on March 3, 2002, was viewed by 3.487 million viewers, breaking the record of the Princeton-Arkansas NCAA First Round men's game on March 15, 1990, which had 3.44 million viewers; and

WHEREAS, in the final championship game, unbeaten Connecticut had to face its first real challenge - the University of Oklahoma.

The Huskies had to work to win over the Sooners. "This was without question the most difficult game we have had to play," said University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Coach, Geno Auriemma. "Oklahoma was unbelievably good. They were unbelievably good."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the 2001-2002 University of Oklahoma Sooners Women's Basketball Team for winning the Big 12 regular season title, Big 12 Tournament Crown, first ever NCAA Regional Title, NCAA Final Four appearance, and NCAA National Championship game.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to C. S. Lewis III, Chair of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma; University of Oklahoma President, David L. Boren; University of Oklahoma Athletic Director, Joe Castiglione; and University of Oklahoma Sooners Women's Basketball Head Coach, Sherri Coale.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of May, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of May, 2002.

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of Representatives