

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Coffee, Aldridge, Branan,  
Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates,  
Corn, Crutchfield, Dunlap,  
Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford,  
Gumm, Harrison, Helton, Hobson,  
Horner, Johnson, Kerr, Laster,  
Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich,  
Littlefield, Maddox, Milacek,  
Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols,  
Price, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds,  
Riley, Robinson, Rozell,  
Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe,  
Taylor, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson,  
Williams and Williamson

A Resolution commending Barkley the Bloodhound for winning "Best of Breed" at the 2003 Westminster Dog Show; praising Barkley for bringing favorable publicity to the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Westminster Kennel Club was initiated by a group of gentlemen who enjoyed sporting dogs. The group's frequent meeting place was the Westminster Hotel in New York City, New York. The Westminster Kennel Club was established in 1876 to increase interest in dogs and to improve the breeds by holding an Annual Dog Show in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the First Annual New York Bench Show of Dogs produced by the Westminster Kennel Club was held on May 8, 1877. The Westminster Dog Show is the oldest continuous sporting event in America, with the exception of the Kentucky Derby. Westminster has entries from every state in the United States and many from Canada and other countries. Approximately a quarter of a million dogs have been in competition at Westminster's more than 120 shows; and

WHEREAS, six years ago, Chuck Musgrove, Senior Managing Editor at Oklahoma's NewsChannel 4, and his wife Wendy, "adopted" Barkley the Bloodhound (formally known as Ch Springbuk Raindance Rhapsody). Barkley has been in the show ring since he was six months old. Within the last two years Barkley has earned 19 All-Breed Best in Show Awards and two national specialty wins. He has multiple regional specialties and was the Number Three-ranked hound in the country for 2002. Barkley was ranked Number Twenty-two in all breeds across the country; and

WHEREAS, Barkley the Bloodhound was selected as "Best of Breed" at the 2003 Westminster Dog Show in his third and last competition

at the event, bringing fame and honor to Oklahoma City and the entire State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Barkley the Bloodhound for winning the "Best of Breed" competition at the 2003 Westminster Dog Show and his many other accomplishments.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Barkley the Bloodhound for bringing favorable publicity to and focusing positive attention on Oklahoma City and the entire State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Barkley the Bloodhound, "Best of Breed"; his adopted "parents" Chuck and Wendy Musgrove; and Barkley's handler, Doug Carlson of Moore, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of February, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate