

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION HCR1081:

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and

Morgan of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending and congratulating the Oklahoma State University Cowboys wrestling team for achieving the rank of national champions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Cowboys have emerged victorious as the 2004 Big 12 Tournament champions in men=s wrestling and went on to take the title of national champions for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboys wrestling team captured its second consecutive Big 12 Tournament title, amassing 86.5 points, and scored a total of 123.5 points at the NCAA championships, 41.5 points ahead of the second place team; and

WHEREAS, the Pokes were consistently ranked Number One nationally throughout the year, making them a favorite to repeat as national champions; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboys wrestling team performed beyond expectations under the expert guidance of former Olympic champion and four-time national champion and Big 12 Wrestling Coach of the Year Coach John Smith, three-time national champion Assistant Coach Eric Guerrero, and two-time national champion Associate Head Coach Mark Branch; and

WHEREAS, not only did the team learn the value of hard work, dedication, perseverance and pride, but the importance of education,

all of which helped them overcome many obstacles on their drive to the championship; and

WHEREAS, by their actions on and off the field, the 2004 Oklahoma State University Cowboys wrestling team bring great positive recognition to their school as well as to the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates and praises the national champion Oklahoma State University Cowboys wrestling team and Coach John Smith.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates and praises each member of the national championship team: Johnny Thompson, Zack Esposito, John Hendricks, Chris Pendleton, Jake Rosholt, Rusty Blackmon and Will Gruenwald.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to OSU President David Schmidly, OSU Athletic Director Harry Birdwell, Coach John Smith, and all assistant coaches and team members of the 2004 OSU national champion wrestling team.

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