

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: Wilcoxson, Adelson,  
Aldridge, Anderson,  
Barrington, Bass, Branan,  
Brogdon, Cain, Capps,  
Coates, Coffee, Corn,  
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,  
Eason McIntyre, Fisher,  
Ford, Garrison, Gumm,  
Harrison, Hobson, Johnson,  
Jolley, Justice, Kerr,  
Lamb, Laster, Laughlin,  
Lawler, Leftwich,  
Lerblance, Mazzei, Monson,  
Morgan, Myers, Nichols,  
Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon,  
Reynolds, Riley, Shurden,  
Taylor, Williamson, Wilson  
and Wyrick

A Resolution welcoming the Mustang Special Olympics Basketball Team to the Oklahoma State Capitol; congratulating them for winning the State Championship; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the history of the Olympics can be traced back to 776 B.C. when the first athletic contest, the foot race, was held at Olympia in ancient Greece; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver organized the first Special Olympics in 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois. Today Special Olympics events are organized in more than 150 countries and include almost one million athletes and 500,000 volunteers. The Special Olympics is dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. The Special Olympics oath is "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt"; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Oklahoma provides a year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Nearly 9,000 Oklahoma Special Olympics athletes participate in more than 100 competitions and events in 15 official sports with about 1,700 coaches devoting their time and experience; and

WHEREAS, the Mustang, Oklahoma, Special Olympics Basketball Team composed of Baily Moon, Amanda Owens, Caprice Dorman, Amanda Burcham, Ambrea Morris, Bobby Bunyard, Michael Terry, Colton Mowdy,

Nick Whitley, Lance Dorman, Rodney Stephens, and Bonnie Dunn, coached by Sheryl Hazelbaker and Cherie Miller, won the State Championship for the Junior/Senior Division in the Special Olympics Winter Games of 2005 held on January 15, 2005, in Norman, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate welcomes the Mustang Special Olympics Basketball Team to the Oklahoma State Capitol.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the Mustang, Oklahoma, Special Olympics Basketball Team for winning the State Championship for the Junior/Senior Division in the Special Olympics Winter Games of 2005.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sheryl Hazelbaker, Mustang, Oklahoma, Special Olympics Coordinator.

Adopted by the Senate the 10th day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate