

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 128

By: Eason McIntyre of the
Senate

A Resolution congratulating The University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane football team for its Liberty Bowl victory; praising its winning record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the 47th annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl was played Saturday, December 31, 2005, before nearly 55,000 fans at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee. The winner was The University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane with a 31-24 victory, completing its season with a 9-4 record and its fifth bowl triumph. The University of Tulsa has appeared in 13 bowl games and is one of only 24 NCAA Division I schools to play in a bowl game for seven consecutive decades; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tulsa's opponent, the Fresno State Bulldogs, was playing in its seventh straight bowl game, concluding a season in which it won seven games in a row, nearly upset top-ranked University of Southern California, and was ranked in the top 25 for 10 weeks; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tulsa came from behind during the fourth quarter to score 14 points in defeating Fresno State and claiming its first bowl victory since 1991; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tulsa entered Conference USA on July 1, 2005. Winning the C-USA West Division with a 6-2 record, the Golden Hurricane captured the school's first C-USA title. The Golden Hurricane played in the inaugural Conference USA Football Championship Game, claiming a 44-27 victory over the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida, on December 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, during the 2005 football season, The University of Tulsa has thrilled the fans in the stands, as well as those viewing on television, and has brought acclaim and favorable attention to The University of Tulsa, the City of Tulsa, and the great State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates The University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane football team for its victory in the Liberty Bowl.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends The University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane football team for its winning season, its victory

in a conference championship game, and a come-from-behind triumph in a major bowl game.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to The University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane Head Football Coach Steve Kragthorpe.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate