

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1028

By: DePue

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Oklahoma's own baseball great Warren Spahn; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Warren Spahn is the winningest left-handed pitcher of all time with 363 wins and a lifetime ERA of 3.08; and

WHEREAS, Warren Spahn was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on August 5, 1963; and

WHEREAS, Spahn pitched 382 complete games, including two no-hitters, and won twenty or more games for thirteen seasons; and

WHEREAS, Warren Spahn received the Bronze Medal and the Purple Heart for bravery in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Spahn made his home in Oklahoma, first at Hartshorne then Broken Arrow, for over fifty years, making him a genuine "Okie"; and

WHEREAS, a larger-than-life bronze statue of Spahn has been sculpted by Oklahoma artist Shan Gray and cast by the Bronze Horse Foundry of Pawhuska, with statues appearing outside the Atlanta Braves Stadium, in the Oklahoma Sports Museum complex, and later this summer outside the Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City in honor of this great Oklahoman.

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

THAT April 23, 2005, Warren Spahn's birthday, be declared Warren Spahn Day.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Sports Museum, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and Greg Spahn of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

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