

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1119

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A Resolution honoring the University of Oklahoma Men's Gymnastics Champions; praising their accomplishments; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, The University of Oklahoma claimed the 2006 NCAA National Men's Gymnastics Championship, winning back-to-back titles and fourth in the last five years. It was the Sooner's seventh national championship overall winning in 1977, 1978, 1991, 2002, 2003, 2005, and now again in 2006; and

WHEREAS, this amazing team consists of Taqiy Abdullah-Simmons, who broke his own school record on the parallel bars at the NCAA Team Finals, Wesley Aderhold, who saw action on the floor exercise and pommel horse in the NCAA Team Finals, Chris Brooks who tied career high on the high bar during the NCAA Team Finals, Brian Carr, who picked up first career All-America honor on the pommel horse, Garrett Carr, who also saw action on the pommel horse and vault in the NCAA Team preliminaries, Russell Czeschin, who hit a career-high on the vault during NCAA Team Finals, Jamie Henderson, who also hit a career-high on the parallel bars during the NCAA Team Finals, Jonathan Horton, who tied career high on the vault during NCAA Team Finals, Jacob Messina, who posted a career-high on the high bar in NCAA team preliminaries, James Myers, who posted a career-high on the vault during NCAA team preliminaries, Reed Pitts who also hit a career-high on the vault during NCAA team preliminaries, along with

Joseph Weaver, who tied career high on the parallel bars in NCAA Team Finals, as well as Jason Laughton and Kyle McNamara; and

WHEREAS, OU head coach Mark Williams was named National Coach of the Year and assistant coaches Daniel Furney and Rustam Sharipov were named National Co-Assistant Coaches of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Sophomore all-arounder Jonathan Horton won individual national championships in the all-around, floor exercise and still rings. Horton's three individual national championships set a single-season school record and matched Bart Connor's record for most in a career; and

WHEREAS, Horton also picked up five individual All-American honors for the second straight season, breaking Connor's career record with ten total; and

WHEREAS, for the third straight year, with fourteen honors, Oklahoma led all schools in total individual All-American honors; and

WHEREAS, OU also won its second straight Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Conference Championship in 2006, its sixth in the last seven years; and

WHEREAS, Williams was named MPSF Co-Head Coach of the Year and Horton was named MPSF Gymnast of the Year; and

WHEREAS, as a team, working together the Sooners finished the 2006 season undefeated with 31 wins and 0 losses.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends its sincerest congratulations to The University of Oklahoma Men's Gymnastics Team and their coaches.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors the University of Oklahoma Men's Gymnastics Champions and praises their accomplishments.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to The University of Oklahoma, The University of Oklahoma Men's Gymnastic Team, and Head Coach Mark Williams.

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