

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 49

By: Rabon

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending the Idabel High School boys' basketball team upon winning the State Class 4A championship; praising the Warriors for being only the fifth team in McCurtain County to win a state basketball championship; congratulating Coach Jeff Coleman upon coaching his first state championship team; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Idabel High School boys' basketball team, the Warriors, won their school's first state basketball championship in the State Class 4A playoffs during March 2005. The first-ranked Warriors had to face both the second- and third-ranked teams before advancing to their final game. In their first playoff game, the Warriors defeated the Cascia Hall Commandos by a single three-point basket in the last moment of the game. In the final game against Vinita, the Warriors demonstrated their versatility by changing from a man-to-man to a zone defense at halftime; and

WHEREAS, the Idabel High School Warriors boys' basketball team has shown both discipline and character, winning them respect as both individuals and team members throughout the season and championship playoffs. Their exemplary behavior both on and off of the court has brought them admiration as a classy team and honor to their coach, Jeff Coleman, and Idabel High School; and

WHEREAS, Idabel High School Basketball Coach Jeff Coleman, during his more than two-decade career, had coached Graham to the state playoffs five times and the Idabel Warriors five times to the state playoffs. Of the ten times he coached in the playoffs, three

of his teams were runner-up teams, and in 2001 the Idabel Warriors lost to Bishop McGuinness in the final game by only two points; and

WHEREAS, the Idabel High School Warriors boys' basketball team joins an elite list in McCurtain County, joining the 1951 Valliant boys, the 1960 Haworth girls, the 1985 Smithville boys, and the 1992 Eagletown girls as only the fifth high school in the county to win a state basketball championship.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the Idabel Warriors boys' basketball team for winning the State Class 4A boys' basketball championship.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the Idabel Warriors boys' basketball team for being only the fifth high school team in McCurtain County to win a state basketball championship.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Idabel High School boys' basketball Coach Jeff Coleman upon coaching his first state championship team in 21 years of coaching and seeing his teams win 399 games.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Idabel High School Warriors boys' basketball Coach Jeff Coleman.

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