

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 54

By: Eason McIntyre, Adelson,  
Aldridge, Anderson,  
Ballenger, Barrington,  
Bass, Bingman, Branan,  
Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,  
Coates, Coffee, Corn,  
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,  
Ford, Garrison, Gumm,  
Ivester, Johnson  
(Constance), Johnson  
(Mike), Jolley, Justice,  
Lamb, Laster, Laughlin,  
Leftwich, Lerblance,  
Mazzei, Morgan, Myers,  
Nichols, Paddack, Rabon,  
Reynolds, Rice, Riley,  
Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden,  
Sykes, Wilcoxson,  
Williamson, Wilson and  
Wyrick of the Senate

and

Shelton of the House

17 A Concurrent Resolution praising the life of Marques  
18 Haynes; designating February 27, 2008, "Marques  
19 Haynes Appreciation Day" in the State of Oklahoma;  
20 and directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, Marques Oreole Haynes was born on October 3, 1926, in  
22 Sand Springs, Oklahoma, the youngest son of Matthew and Hattie  
23 Haynes. All four of the Haynes children played basketball. Marques  
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1 learned to shoot from his sister Cecile, and his brothers Wendell  
2 and Joe taught him to dribble; and

3       WHEREAS, Marques Haynes played basketball at Booker T.  
4 Washington High School. In 1942 he led the team to a national  
5 championship and was picked as a Second Team Scholastic All-  
6 American. He also led the team to two state championships. Marques  
7 Haynes, like his siblings, attended Langston University where he  
8 played basketball and was a four-time All-State, All-Conference and  
9 team Most Valuable Player selection. His team won 112 games,  
10 including a 59-game winning streak, and lost only three. In one  
11 exhibition game played in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Langston  
12 Lions upset the visiting Harlem Globetrotters. The Globetrotters  
13 immediately offered Haynes a professional contract, but he turned it  
14 down in order to finish his college education. He received a  
15 bachelor degree in industrial education in 1946; and

16       WHEREAS, the 6-foot-tall, 160-pound Marques Haynes began his  
17 professional basketball career with the Kansas City Stars; played  
18 with the Harlem Globetrotters; founded, owned, booked, coached, and  
19 played with his own team, the Fabulous Magicians; played and coached  
20 with the Harlem Globetrotters again where he became president of the  
21 players' union; played on Meadowlark Lemon's Bucketeers; played for  
22 the Harlem Wizards; then again began and played for his own team,  
23 the Harlem Magicians. He retired from the game after a 46-year  
24 career in professional basketball. Known as the "World's Greatest

1 Dribbler", he played in over 12,000 professional basketball games  
2 and scored more than 250,000 points. Haynes traveled more than four  
3 million miles and appeared in all 50 states, approximately 100  
4 countries, and on six continents; and

5 WHEREAS, on February 19, 1948, at Chicago Stadium, the Harlem  
6 Globetrotters, led by Marques Haynes, defeated the George Mikan-led  
7 Minnesota Lakers (61-59). As recorded in the 2005 documentary  
8 movie, "The Harlem Globetrotters: The Team That Changed the World",  
9 it was the game that not only resulted in the eventual integration  
10 of professional basketball but also spurred integration in all  
11 American professional sports. In 1953 he was offered an enormous  
12 contract by the Philadelphia Warriors, and two years later the  
13 Minnesota Lakers made a similar offer. Haynes turned both down; and

14 WHEREAS, Marques Haynes has been inducted into many Halls of  
15 Fame, including the Langston University Athletic Hall of Fame, the  
16 NAIA Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, the East  
17 Hartford Hall of Fame, and the Jim Thorpe Hall of Fame. He was the  
18 first Globetrotter to enter the Basketball Hall of Fame and New York  
19 All Sports Hall of Fame. Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 passed in  
20 1994 designated a 12-mile section of Oklahoma Highway 97 between  
21 Sand Springs and Sapulpa the "Marques Haynes Highway".

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
23 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

