

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1063

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A Resolution congratulating Athletes First Foundation for successes; extending best wishes for future success; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Athletes First Foundation is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization influencing the lives of student athletes on many levels, from providing positive role models, teaching basketball fundamentals and team concepts to exposing young elite athletes to a

national audience. Athletes First is preparing young people for college level competition in and out of the basketball arena; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1998, Athletes First has had over 50 student athletes move on to participate in athletics at the collegiate level. This is evidence that Athletes First is providing opportunities for Oklahoma athletes to enhance and display their skills nationally, but also providing the opportunity to further their education. This opens a world of possibilities for these young adults; and

WHEREAS, this is not merely a summer league basketball program but an organization that is committed to young people, providing them the best opportunities to showcase and develop their skills and learn the essential lessons of life, competition and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Athletes First is truly enabling Oklahoma athletes to go to the highest levels, as evidenced in 2007 when that tradition continued as Athletes First defeated the Birmingham Stars to win the Amateur Athletic Union National Showcase Championship in Orlando, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends congratulations on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma to Athletes First for their impressive victories.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends best wishes for the upcoming season and good luck in bringing another national championship back to Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this Resolution be distributed to Athletes First and the following individuals: Coach Gary Vick, Coach Larry Orton, Coach Paul Henry, Team Secretary Valerie Johnson, and Team Secretary Carolyn Orton; and the players on the team: Nick Johnson, McGuinness; Xavier Henry, Putnam City; Terrence Boyd, Norman; Kyle Hardrick, Norman; Daniel Orton, McGuinness; Donte Foster, Guthrie; Hunter Gibson, Putnam City; Ryan Randolph, McGuinness; Garrin Wright, Putnam City; and Cole Hooper, Heritage Hall.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 7th day of April,
2008.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives