

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 96

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Coffee, Corn, Crain,
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Leftwich, Lerblance,
Mazzei, Morgan, Myers,
Nichols, Paddack, Rabon,
Reynolds, Rice, Riley,
Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilcoxson,
Williamson, Wilson and
Wyrick

A Resolution congratulating Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School for its successful athletic program which won eight state championships in the 2007-2008 academic year; commending Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School for its emphasis on academics and good sportsmanship; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, athletic activities are an integral part of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School's educational program. The value of athletics is in the striving for individual excellence through competition — with oneself as well as the opponent — and the sacrifice of oneself for the team. A wide variety of competitive

athletic activities are available and all students are encouraged to participate actively as team members if possible, and/or as spectators if not; and

WHEREAS, McGuinness just finished "one of the greatest single years for any Oklahoma high school" according to the "Oklahoman". The article also reported that while the Irish won seven championships last school year, this year they won eight including sweeping the major sports of football, basketball, and baseball; and

WHEREAS, the eight McGuinness athletic teams of the 2007-2008 academic year who won state championships in their class are: girls cross country, football, boys basketball, girls tennis, girls track, boys golf, girls soccer, and boys baseball; and

WHEREAS, even in sports where the Irish don't dominate, they are always competitive and individual athletes excel, as evidenced by individual championships in swimming and the volleyball team that played in the state finals; and

WHEREAS, McGuinness Athletic Director Gary Savely was quoted as saying the secret to their success is "it's all about the academics." Students know they must do well academically in order to participate in athletics. The school has won 15 athletic championships with Savely serving as Athletic Director; and

WHEREAS, students, participants, and other spectators at McGuinness athletic activities are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner. While McGuinness takes great pride in winning, it does not condone winning at all costs and discourages any and all pressures that might tend to neglect good sportsmanship and positive attitudes. All representatives of McGuinness are expected to exemplify good sportsmanship and maturity of behavior. All forms of support are expected to be positive and directed toward generating enthusiasm for the school's programs.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School for its successful athletic program which won eight state championships in the 2007-2008 academic year.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School for its emphasis on academics and good sportsmanship.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Athletic Director Gary Savely.

Adopted by the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate