

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 26, 2008

ENGROSSED
Senate Concurrent
Resolution No. 54

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT 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.

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

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

5 WHEREAS, Marques Haynes played basketball at Booker T. Washington High
6 School. In 1942 he led the team to a national championship and was picked as a Second
7 Team Scholastic All-American. He also led the team to two state championships.
8 Marques Haynes, like his siblings, attended Langston University where he played

1 basketball and was a four-time All-State, All-Conference and team Most Valuable Player
2 selection. His team won 112 games, including a 59-game winning streak, and lost only
3 three. In one exhibition game played in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Langston Lions
4 upset the visiting Harlem Globetrotters. The Globetrotters immediately offered Haynes
5 a professional contract, but he turned it down in order to finish his college education. He
6 received a bachelor degree in industrial education in 1946; and

7 WHEREAS, the 6-foot-tall, 160-pound Marques Haynes began his professional
8 basketball career with the Kansas City Stars; played with the Harlem Globetrotters;
9 founded, owned, booked, coached, and played with his own team, the Fabulous
10 Magicians; played and coached with the Harlem Globetrotters again where he became
11 president of the players' union; played on Meadowlark Lemon's Bucketeers; played for
12 the Harlem Wizards; then again began and played for his own team, the Harlem
13 Magicians. He retired from the game after a 46-year career in professional basketball.
14 Known as the "World's Greatest Dribbler", he played in over 12,000 professional
15 basketball games and scored more than 250,000 points. Haynes traveled more than four
16 million miles and appeared in all 50 states, approximately 100 countries, and on six
17 continents; and

18 WHEREAS, on February 19, 1948, at Chicago Stadium, the Harlem Globetrotters,
19 led by Marques Haynes, defeated the George Mikan-led Minnesota Lakers (61-59). As
20 recorded in the 2005 documentary movie, "The Harlem Globetrotters: The Team That
21 Changed the World", it was the game that not only resulted in the eventual integration of
22 professional basketball but also spurred integration in all American professional sports.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 In 1953 he was offered an enormous contract by the Philadelphia Warriors, and two
2 years later the Minnesota Lakers made a similar offer. Haynes turned both down; and

3 WHEREAS, Marques Haynes has been inducted into many Halls of Fame,
4 including the Langston University Athletic Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame, the
5 Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, the East Hartford Hall of Fame, and the Jim Thorpe
6 Hall of Fame. He was the first Globetrotter to enter the Basketball Hall of Fame and
7 New York All Sports Hall of Fame. Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 passed in 1994
8 designated a 12-mile section of Oklahoma Highway 97 between Sand Springs and
9 Sapulpa the “Marques Haynes Highway”.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND
11 SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises Marques Haynes as a great
14 Oklahoman, celebrates his many achievements throughout his career, and recognizes
15 him as one of the world’s greatest basketball players.

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates Wednesday, February 27, 2008,
17 “Marques Haynes Appreciation Day” in the State of Oklahoma.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma great, Marques Haynes.
19 DIRECT TO CALENDAR: 2-26-08