

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1063

By: Dorman

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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11 WHEREAS, the Athletes First Foundation is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit
12 organization influencing the lives of student athletes on many
13 levels, from providing positive role models, teaching basketball
14 fundamentals and team concepts to exposing young elite athletes to a
15 national audience. Athletes First is preparing young people for
16 college level competition in and out of the basketball arena; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 THAT copies of this Resolution be distributed to Athletes First
19 and the following individuals: Coach Gary Vick, Coach Larry Orton,
20 Coach Paul Henry, Team Secretary Valerie Johnson, and Team Secretary
21 Carolyn Orton; and the players on the team: Nick Johnson,
22 McGuinness; Xavier Henry, Putnam City; Terrence Boyd, Norman; Kyle
23 Hardrick, Norman; Daniel Orton, McGuinness; Donte Foster, Guthrie;

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1 Hunter Gibson, Putnam City; Ryan Randolph, McGuinness; Garrin
2 Wright, Putnam City; and Cole Hooper, Heritage Hall.

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