

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 67

By: Corn of the Senate

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6 Brannon of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the Pocola
11 Lady Indians Basketball Team for winning the 2008
12 Class 2A State Championship; commending the team for
their victory after years of hard work; and directing
distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, the Pocola Lady Indians Basketball Team won the Class
15 2A State Championship in the final seven-tenths of a second of the
16 last game. Played before 4,000 at the State Fair Arena in Oklahoma
17 City, Oklahoma, the Lady Indians thought they had lost several times
18 during the championship game. However, the Lady Indians' opponents,
19 believing they had won the game, celebrated prematurely, earning a
20 technical foul. In the final seven-tenths of a second, two field
21 goals and four free throws were attempted and eight points were
22 scored as the lead changed hands and the Lady Indians emerged
23 victorious; and
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1 WHEREAS, the final seven-tenths of a second victory, one of the
2 wildest in state tournament history, was the end result of a team of
3 girls who have played and practiced together since middle school,
4 staying focused despite discouragement as they steadily improved
5 throughout the years; and

6 WHEREAS, before the championship game, Pocola Coach Mark
7 McKenzie wrote a letter of resignation as coach to become the Pocola
8 Middle School Principal. He had intended to do that last year, but
9 at the end of that season his players reminded him of a promise he
10 made to them when they were in the seventh grade, that they would
11 stay together and turn the program around. And they had, despite
12 setbacks, including first-round tournament losses for three
13 consecutive years.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
15 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the 2008
18 Pocola Lady Indians Basketball Team for winning the Class 2A State
19 Championship.

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the Pocola Lady
21 Indians Basketball Team for their amazing seven-tenths of a second
22 victory in the 2008 Class 2A State Championship game as the
23 culmination of years of hard work, staying focused, and staying
24 together.

1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Pocola Lady
2 Indians Basketball Coach Mark McKenzie.

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