

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 51

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending the Frederick A. Douglass
8 High School Lady Trojans track team for winning the
9 2007 Class 4A State Championship; congratulating the
10 Lady Trojans track team for winning the first state
11 championship won by a ladies' team in the history of
12 Frederick A. Douglass High School; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, Frederick A. Douglass High School, located on Martin
15 Luther King Avenue in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was established in
16 1891 and named after Abolitionist Frederick A. Douglass. Frederick
17 Douglass was born into slavery around 1817 in the state of Maryland.
18 He learned to read despite opposition from his owner, then escaped
19 to Massachusetts in 1838 where he was aided by abolitionists.
20 Douglass became an abolitionist in 1841, giving public speeches
21 against slavery, and became a newspaper editor in New York in 1847.
22 After the Civil War, Frederick Douglass spent the rest of his life,
23 until his death in 1895, working to obtain voting rights for African
24 Americans; and

WHEREAS, at the state championship track meet in Moore,
Oklahoma, the Douglass High School Lady Trojans won the Class 4A

1 State Championship, edging out Idabel 87-76. The Frederick A.
2 Douglass High School Lady Trojans track team achieved the first
3 state championship ever won by a ladies' team in the history of
4 Frederick A. Douglass High School. The Lady Trojans were helped
5 immensely by the four-gold-medal performance of Samantha Hallman;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the members of the 2007 Frederick A. Douglass High
8 School Lady Trojans Class 4A State Championship track team are
9 Brittany Ashley, Mika Brown, Eboni Bunch, Samantha Hallman, Laressa
10 Irvin, Ashley Johnson, Brooke Jones, Tyesha Nolan, Sharmesa Norton,
11 Rachael Parker, Monique Williams, and Charrise Wilson.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
13 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the Frederick A.
15 Douglass High School Lady Trojans track team for winning the 2007
16 Class 4A State Championship, the first state championship ever won
17 by a ladies' team in the history the school.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Frederick A.
19 Douglass High School Lady Trojans track team Head Coach Alonzo A.
20 Shipp and Assistant Coaches Joe Ballard, LaDonna Simpkins and
21 Carlotta Wilson.

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