

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 53

By: Leftwich, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington,
Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon,
Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,
Eason McIntyre, Ford, Garrison,
Gumm, Ivester, Johnson (Constance),
Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice,
Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Lerblance,
Mazzei, Morgan, Myers, Nichols,
Paddack, Rabon, Reynolds, Rice,
Riley, Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson
and Wyrick

A Resolution congratulating Antoine Cason upon his selection as the winner of the 2007 Jim Thorpe Award; commending him for his "Cason Cares" campaign; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Antoine Brandon Cason was born July 9, 1986, in Long Beach, California, the son of Deborah and Wendell Cason. His father Wendell played football for both the Oregon Ducks and the Atlanta Falcons. He attended Los Alamitos High School in Los Alamitos, California, where he won numerous awards for his football prowess. Currently a senior at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, he is a Political Science major; and

WHEREAS, Antoine Cason has been a starting player on the University of Arizona Wildcats football team during all four years at the school. He passed on an opportunity to enter the NFL Draft, choosing instead to finish his senior year at the University of Arizona. Antoine Cason's best game was against his father's former team, the second-ranked Oregon Ducks on November 15, 2007, when he scored two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Antoine Cason, after losing his grandfather Royce Rambo to cancer, founded the "Cason Cares" campaign which last year raised \$5,000.00 for the American Cancer Society. Along with Matt Brooks, a former teammate who lost three members of his family to cancer, he sells wristbands with the slogan "Cason Cares" in the campus area; and

WHEREAS, Antoine Cason, already a Walter Camp First Team All-American and Sporting News First Team All-American selection, on December 6, 2007, was named the 2007 Jim Thorpe Award winner at the 17th Annual ESPN College Awards Show in Orlando, Florida.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates cornerback Antoine Cason of the University of Arizona upon his selection as the winner of the 2007 Jim Thorpe Award, recognizing him as the best defensive back in college football.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Antoine Cason for forming the "Cason Cares" campaign to battle cancer.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Antoine Cason, 2007 winner of the Jim Thorpe Award.

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of February, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate