

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 139

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

A Resolution recognizing and acknowledging the life, career and accomplishments of Oklahoma City Millwood High School Football Team Founder and Perennial Coach Leodies Robinson, Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Famer; extolling his special ability; mourning his passing; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Leodies "Coach Rob" Robinson, an Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Famer and outstanding mentor of young people, transitioned from the earthly to the heavenly realm on November 17, 2009, at the age of 69 years while pursuing his daily physical activity walking regime. Family and friends from throughout the city and across the nation celebrated his home-going on Monday,

November 23, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Leodies Robinson was born on January 30, 1940, in Jericho, Arkansas, the son of Deltha Ree and Albert Nathan Robinson. The Robinson family moved first to St. Louis, Missouri, then to Wichita, Kansas, where he was an active member of the Greater New Hope Baptist Church. He excelled in both football as a four-year starter and basketball in high school and was chosen All-State during both his junior and senior years. He ranked 38th in the Wichita City League for rushing 1,151 yards in 1959. Leodies entered Wichita State University then was drafted into the United States Army where he served for two years. Upon his return he married his high school sweetheart, Suzanne, and later graduated in 1969 from Langston University with degrees in Mathematics and Physical Education. He earned a master of education degree from Central State University in Edmond; and

WHEREAS, Leodies "Coach Rob" Robinson began his coaching career at Millwood High School in 1970 as head coach of the ninth grade team. He was named the high school's first head football coach in 1971 and officially began the school's varsity football program. Besides teaching mathematics and driver education, Coach Rob was Millwood's football coach for nearly a quarter of a century with a 196-71-3 record. His teams made 20 consecutive trips to the state playoffs, winning 18 district championships, 12 regional championships, five area championships, and four conference titles. His team won the state championship in 1990. Throughout his career he coached 18 All-State players, five of whom went on to be named All-Americans; and

WHEREAS, "Coach Rob" was named Region 8 Football Coach of the Year in 1976 and 1982, following a 1985 upset of a highly favored Texas team in the annual Oil Bowl. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994. In September 2009, during halftime ceremonies at the annual "Soul Bowl" game between rivals Millwood and Frederick A. Douglass High School, the Millwood Public Schools named the Leodies Robinson Field in his honor; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring, Leodies Robinson served as Oklahoma City John Marshall High School assistant coach where he helped win the

Class 5A state championship in 1995. He also coached three years at Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Western Heights High School in Fort Worth, Texas. After 31 years of coaching, Coach Leodies Robinson retired from football but not from sports, going on to serve in the Oklahoma City Ford Center Guest Relations Department, and with the Oklahoma City Blazers Hockey team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and acknowledges the life, career and accomplishments of Oklahoma City Millwood High School Football Team founder and Perennial Coach Leodies "Coach Rob" Robinson and mourns his passing.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his wife, Mrs. Suzanne Robinson; sons, Brian and Nathan; mother, Deltha; and sister, Dorothy.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate