

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 87

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A Resolution congratulating Rumble the Bison on his first birthday with the Oklahoma City Thunder; welcoming him and declaring February 17, 2010, "Rumble the Bison Day"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, for hundreds of years the tale has been told around Native American campfires. A great herd of American bison was lost in the Arbuckle Mountains during a ferocious storm – the kind only Oklahoma can produce; and

WHEREAS, hail fell and tornadoes spun all around the herd as they stampeded, trying to find their way down to the safety of the plains. One lone bison stayed behind as he helped each of his friends escape down a treacherous ravine. Once all of his friends

were safe he began his descent only to find his way blocked by fallen boulders; and

WHEREAS, lost, he climbed to the tallest peak, left to face the storm alone and searching for a way down the mountain, he was struck by a bolt of lightning. The bolt did not destroy him, but, by the power of the god of thunder, transformed him. Suddenly, he walked on two legs like a man. He possessed amazing strength and agility. He could jump higher, run faster, and think more clearly than any beast; and

WHEREAS, because he was no longer just a bison and yet not a man, he was alone. With many sightings, the legend grew through the years, of a mighty bison with remarkable powers roaming alone amidst the hills; and

WHEREAS, not until a group of men who carried similar powers came to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, did he find somewhere he belonged. These men also possessed the power to jump higher, run faster, and perform acrobatic dunks more spectacular than anyone in the land. They too carried the roar of Thunder every time they took to the basketball court. So, a year ago on February 17, 2009, he joined their National Basketball Association (NBA) team, and the new legend of "Rumble" was born.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Rumble the Bison on the occasion of his first birthday with the Oklahoma City Thunder professional basketball team.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate welcomes Rumble the Bison to the Oklahoma State Senate and declares February 17, 2010, "Rumble the Bison Day" in the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Rumble the Bison.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of February, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate