

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1048

By: Dorman

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution relating to Blake Griffin; commending  
8 and congratulating Blake Griffin for his illustrious  
9 basketball career; extending best wishes for future  
10 success; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Oklahomans are justly proud when a native son achieves  
13 greatness; and

14 WHEREAS, Blake Griffin, born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on  
15 March 16, 1989, has achieved greatness by virtue of his tremendous  
16 career as a player for the Oklahoma Sooners Basketball Team; and

17 WHEREAS, his skill and talent have made Blake Griffin a  
18 dominating presence on the basketball court and have thrilled  
19 basketball fans throughout the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, Blake Griffin was a basketball star for the Athletes  
21 First Foundation, an AAU organization providing opportunities for  
22 Oklahoma athletes to enhance and display their skills nationally as  
23 well as providing an opportunity to further their education and  
24 Blake Griffin is one of over 60 student-athletes that Athletes First

1 has helped move on to participate in athletics at the collegiate  
2 level; and

3 WHEREAS, in only two years at OU, Blake Griffin has broken many  
4 Big 12 Conference and University of Oklahoma records and has  
5 deservedly won many prestigious national awards; and

6 WHEREAS, as a freshman, Blake Griffin came in and started,  
7 leading the Sooners back to the NCAA Tournament, earning him  
8 recognition as a member of the 2008 First Team All Big 12 team as  
9 well as a member of the 2008 Big 12 Conference All Rookie First  
10 Team; and

11 WHEREAS, during his second year as a full-time starter, Blake  
12 Griffin led the nation in scoring and rebounding and posted an  
13 amazing 30 double doubles while leading the Sooners to an Elite  
14 Eight appearance in the NCAA Tournament before falling to the  
15 eventual National Champions in what turned out to be their closest  
16 contest of the NCAA Tournament; and

17 WHEREAS, Blake Griffin was awarded the 2009 Naismith Award, John  
18 R. Wooden Award, Rupp Trophy and Oscar Robertson Trophy; and

19 WHEREAS, Blake Griffin was named the 2009 Pete Newell Big Man of  
20 the Year and named the 2009 Player of the Year by the National  
21 Association of Basketball Coaches, Associated Press, CBS/Chevrolet,  
22 Big 12, CBSsports.com, FoxSports.com, Athlon Sports, Sporting News  
23 and Sports Illustrated; and

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1       WHEREAS, Blake Griffin was selected as a First Team All-American  
2 by the Associated Press, Sports Illustrated and National Association  
3 of Basketball Coaches as well as First Team All Big 12 Conference;  
4 and

5       WHEREAS, Blake Griffin is an exceptional young man who exhibits  
6 fine qualities, not only as a basketball player, but as a citizen of  
7 this state, and these qualities are the hallmark of what it means to  
8 be an Oklahoman.

9       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11       THAT Blake Griffin is hereby commended and congratulated for his  
12 illustrious collegiate career as a player for the University of  
13 Oklahoma Basketball Team.

14       THAT best wishes for future success are hereby extended by the  
15 House of Representatives to Blake Griffin.

16       THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to Blake Griffin,  
17 his parents Tommy and Gail Griffin, University of Oklahoma President  
18 David Boren, University of Oklahoma Athletic Director Joe  
19 Castiglione, and University of Oklahoma Basketball Coach Jeff Capel.

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