

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1062

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending the life of Wayman Lawrence  
8 Tisdale; offering condolences; and directing  
9 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Wayman Lawrence Tisdale was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on  
13 June 9, 1964; and

14 WHEREAS, he attended Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa,  
15 Oklahoma; and

16 WHEREAS, he was named to 1982 McDonald's All American Team; and

17 WHEREAS, he attended the University of Oklahoma; and

18 WHEREAS, he was the first freshman in NCAA Division 1 basketball  
19 to be selected a Consensus All American; and

20 WHEREAS, he was the first NCAA Division 1 basketball player to  
21 earn Consensus All American honors in his freshman, sophomore and  
22 junior seasons; and

23 WHEREAS, by the end of his OU career, which spanned just three  
24 years before he left for the NBA after his junior season, Tisdale

1 owned the school career records for points, rebounds, field goals,  
2 field goal percentage, free throws and free throw attempts; and

3 WHEREAS, during his three-year career at OU, he was the Big  
4 Eight Player of the Year for every season, led the league in scoring  
5 all three years and became just the 10th player in NCAA history to  
6 reach 2,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds; and

7 WHEREAS, he holds the record for most points in a single game at  
8 OU with 61 against University of Texas at San Antonio during his  
9 sophomore season; and

10 WHEREAS, he won a gold medal as a member of the 1984 United  
11 States Olympic basketball team; and

12 WHEREAS, he was the second pick of the 1985 NBA draft by Indiana  
13 Pacers and went on to play 12 seasons in the NBA; and

14 WHEREAS, his jersey was the first to be retired in any sport at  
15 OU in 1997 and, in 2007 he graciously allowed Blake Griffin to bring  
16 his jersey out of retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, he was elected to the National Collegiate Basketball  
18 Hall of Fame, joining a group of eight to be inducted as part of the  
19 2009 class; and

20 WHEREAS, he was an accomplished jazz musician with several of  
21 his albums making it into the top ten on the Billboard Charts; and

22 WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
23 Commission by Governor Brad Henry; and

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1       WHEREAS, he received many community awards including recently  
2 being presented the Oklahoma City Thunder Community Hero Award as  
3 well as the Greenwood Cultural Center Legacy Award; and

4       WHEREAS, Wayman Tisdale was not only an amazing athlete and  
5 talented musician, he was a great Oklahoman and true ambassador for  
6 the state, who will be truly missed and always remembered.

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

9       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends the  
10 amazing life and many accomplishments of this outstanding Oklahoma-  
11 born athlete, musician and ambassador, the late Wayman Tisdale.

12       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives offers its most  
13 sincere condolences to the surviving Tisdale family.

14       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Wayman  
15 Tisdale's wife, Regina Tisdale.

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