

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1091

By: Nations, Wright (Harold)  
and Watson

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution honoring Bob Barry, Sr.; commending Bob  
9 Barry, Sr. for his many accomplishments and  
10 contributions to this state; proclaiming Bob Barry,  
11 Sr. Day in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. is a legendary sportscaster whose career  
14 has spanned more than 50 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. was born February 28, 1931, in Oklahoma  
16 City, Oklahoma, and, after graduating from Classen High School in  
17 1946, studied journalism at the University of Oklahoma prior to  
18 joining the U.S. Air Force in 1951; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. worked at KNOR radio station in Norman  
20 as an advertising salesman, disc jockey, and sportscaster and began  
21 broadcasting Norman High School football and basketball games in  
22 1956; and

1           WHEREAS, in 1961, Bob Barry, Sr. became the voice of the  
2 Oklahoma Sooners, having been hand-picked by OU's Bud Wilkinson for  
3 that role; and

4           WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. broadcast Sooner football and basketball  
5 games from 1961 through 1972, Oklahoma State University football and  
6 basketball games from 1973 through 1990, Tulsa University basketball  
7 games 1973-74, and returned to OU to broadcast football and  
8 basketball games from 1991 to the present time; and

9           WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. was sports director at Oklahoma City's  
10 WKY, Oklahoma's first television station, now KFOR News Channel 4,  
11 for more than 25 years. He retired from KFOR-TV in 1997, turning  
12 over the reins of sports director to his son, Bob Barry, Jr.; and

13           WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. has provided the citizens of this state  
14 with many hours of thrilling play-by-play accounts of college  
15 football and basketball games; and

16           WHEREAS, his in-depth knowledge of sports has made Bob Barry,  
17 Sr. the consummate sports journalist who has set high standards for  
18 the profession; and

19           WHEREAS, the many awards and honors bestowed upon Bob Barry, Sr.  
20 over the years, including being named Oklahoma's Sportscaster of the  
21 Year fifteen times, being inducted into the Oklahoma Association of  
22 Broadcasters Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame and  
23 the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, being recognized as a  
24 distinguished alumnus by the Gaylord College of Journalism, Media

1 Arts and Strategic Communications at the University of Oklahoma, and  
2 being honored with the Oklahoma City Public Schools' Wall of Fame  
3 Humanitarian Award attest to the high regard in which he is held;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. was a former member of the National  
6 Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association's Board of Directors, is  
7 a two-time president of the Norman Rotary Club and has served on  
8 many nonprofit and civic boards in Norman; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. has been for all Oklahomans an  
10 enthusiastic advocate for Oklahoma collegiate sports and a  
11 trustworthy source for information for every aspect of sports; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. is THE voice of sports in the State of  
13 Oklahoma.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
15 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 THAT Bob Barry, Sr. is hereby commended for his many outstanding  
17 accomplishments and contributions to this state and to the  
18 profession of sports journalism.

19 THAT May 5, 2010, is hereby proclaimed "Bob Barry, Sr. Day" in  
20 Oklahoma.

21 THAT a copy of this resolution be presented to Bob Barry, Sr.

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