

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 13

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating Sam Bradford upon winning
8 the 2008 Heisman Trophy; thanking him for returning
9 to his team; declaring March 2, 2009, Sam Bradford
Day in the State of Oklahoma; and directing
distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Samuel Jacob Bradford, a member of the Cherokee Nation,
13 was born November 8, 1987, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the son of
14 Kent and Martha Bradford. Sam's father, Kent, was an offensive
15 lineman lettering on the University of Oklahoma Sooners football
16 team during 1977-1978. Sam graduated from Putnam City North High
17 School in 2006 where he played basketball and golf, as well as
18 quarterbacking the Panthers football team for three years. Sam was
19 named to the Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State Football Team.
20 Graduating in the top ten percent of his class, he accepted a
21 football scholarship with the University of Oklahoma Sooners
22 football team; and

23 WHEREAS, Sam Bradford, as a redshirt freshman, was selected as
24 the Sooner's starting quarterback. He holds the NCAA record with 36

1 touchdown passes as a freshman. During his sophomore year (2008),
2 Sam successfully passed 302 times for 4,464 yards and 48 touchdowns,
3 as well as rushing for five touchdowns, setting a new school record.
4 In his two seasons as starting quarterback at the University of
5 Oklahoma, he passed for a total of 7,585 yards and 84 touchdowns;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Sam Bradford led the Sooners to Big 12 Conference
8 Championships in 2007 and 2008, then led the Sooners to the 2009 BCS
9 National Championship game in Miami, Florida; and

10 WHEREAS, Sam Bradford was placed on the Associated Press All-
11 American First Team Quarterback, won the Davey O'Brien National
12 Quarterback Award as best quarterback in the nation, and was
13 selected the 2008 (74th) Heisman Memorial Trophy winner, indicating
14 he is the most outstanding college football player in the nation.
15 Sam is only the second sophomore, fifth Sooner, and 30th quarterback
16 to win this highest honor in collegiate football; and

17 WHEREAS, Sam Bradford declined an opportunity to join the ranks
18 of professional football players, choosing instead to further pursue
19 his education and to return to his college team for another season
20 at the University of Oklahoma where he is active in the Fellowship
21 of Christian Athletes; and

22 WHEREAS, Sam Bradford was honored by his hometown, Oklahoma
23 City, Oklahoma, when Mayor Mick Cornett declared January 13, 2009,
24 "Sam Bradford Day" in Oklahoma City; and

1 WHEREAS, Sam Bradford has been an extraordinary "unofficial
2 ambassador" for the State of Oklahoma.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

5 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and congratulates Sam
6 Bradford upon his selection as 2008 Associated Press All-American
7 First Team Quarterback, Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award
8 winner, and Heisman Memorial Trophy winner.

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Sam Bradford for returning
10 to the University of Oklahoma Sooner football team, declining the
11 opportunity to join the ranks of professional football.

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares Monday, March 2, 2009,
13 "Sam Bradford Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sam Bradford.

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