

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 139

By: Johnson (Constance)

5 AS INTRODUCED

6 A Resolution recognizing and acknowledging the life,  
7 career and accomplishments of Oklahoma City Millwood  
8 High School Football Team Founder and Perennial Coach  
9 Leodies Robinson, Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall  
of Famer; extolling his special ability; mourning his  
passing; and directing distribution.

10 WHEREAS, Leodies "Coach Rob" Robinson, an Oklahoma Coaches  
11 Association Hall of Famer and outstanding mentor of young people,  
12 transitioned from the earthly to the heavenly realm on November 17,  
13 2009, at the age of 69 years while pursuing his daily physical  
14 activity walking regime. Family and friends from throughout the  
15 city and across the nation celebrated his home-going on Monday,  
16 November 23, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cox Convention Center in  
17 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

18 WHEREAS, Leodies Robinson was born on January 30, 1940, in  
19 Jericho, Arkansas, the son of Deltha Ree and Albert Nathan Robinson.  
20 The Robinson family moved first to St. Louis, Missouri, then to  
21 Wichita, Kansas, where he was an active member of the Greater New  
22 Hope Baptist Church. He excelled in both football as a four-year  
23 starter and basketball in high school and was chosen All-State  
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1 during both his junior and senior years. He ranked 38th in the  
2 Wichita City League for rushing 1,151 yards in 1959. Leodies  
3 entered Wichita State University then was drafted into the United  
4 States Army where he served for two years. Upon his return he  
5 married his high school sweetheart, Suzanne, and later graduated in  
6 1969 from Langston University with degrees in Mathematics and  
7 Physical Education. He earned a master of education degree from  
8 Central State University in Edmond; and

9 WHEREAS, Leodies "Coach Rob" Robinson began his coaching career  
10 at Millwood High School in 1970 as head coach of the ninth grade  
11 team. He was named the high school's first head football coach in  
12 1971 and officially began the school's varsity football program.  
13 Besides teaching mathematics and driver education, Coach Rob was  
14 Millwood's football coach for nearly a quarter of a century with a  
15 196-71-3 record. His teams made 20 consecutive trips to the state  
16 playoffs, winning 18 district championships, 12 regional  
17 championships, five area championships, and four conference titles.  
18 His team won the state championship in 1990. Throughout his career  
19 he coached 18 All-State players, five of whom went on to be named  
20 All-Americans; and

21 WHEREAS, "Coach Rob" was named Region 8 Football Coach of the  
22 Year in 1976 and 1982, following a 1985 upset of a highly favored  
23 Texas team in the annual Oil Bowl. He was inducted into the  
24 Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994. In September

1 2009, during halftime ceremonies at the annual "Soul Bowl" game  
2 between rivals Millwood and Frederick A. Douglass High School, the  
3 Millwood Public Schools named the Leodies Robinson Field in his  
4 honor; and

5 WHEREAS, upon retiring, Leodies Robinson served as Oklahoma City  
6 John Marshall High School assistant coach where he helped win the  
7 Class 5A state championship in 1995. He also coached three years at  
8 Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Western  
9 Heights High School in Fort Worth, Texas. After 31 years of  
10 coaching, Coach Leodies Robinson retired from football but not from  
11 sports, going on to serve in the Oklahoma City Ford Center Guest  
12 Relations Department, and with the Oklahoma City Blazers Hockey  
13 team.

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

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and acknowledges the  
17 life, career and accomplishments of Oklahoma City Millwood High  
18 School Football Team founder and Perennial Coach Leodies "Coach Rob"  
19 Robinson and mourns his passing.

20 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his wife, Mrs.  
21 Suzanne Robinson; sons, Brian and Nathan; mother, Deltha; and  
22 sister, Dorothy.

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