

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 2

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating Henry Burriss Junior for  
8 his football accomplishments; commending his positive  
9 attitude; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Henry Armand Burriss Junior was born June 4, 1975, in  
12 Spiro, Oklahoma. Henry Burriss attended Spiro High School where he  
13 won four varsity letters each in football, track, basketball, and  
14 baseball. He was selected Oklahoma All-State quarterback in 1991.  
15 That same year he played on the Spiro 3A state championship baseball  
16 team. He graduated from Spiro High School in 1992; and

17 WHEREAS, Henry Burriss Junior played four years at Temple  
18 University in Philadelphia, after turning down offers from the  
19 University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Texas, and Texas  
20 Tech. As a Temple Owl he set 20 school career passing records  
21 including 7,459 passing yards, 558 completions, and 49 touchdown  
22 passes; and

1       WHEREAS, Henry Burris Junior played for the Green Bay Packers  
2 and Chicago Bears in the National Football League (NFL) as well as  
3 for the NFL Berlin Thunder in Germany; and

4       WHEREAS, Henry Burris Junior has played in the Canadian Football  
5 League (CFL) for ten years, the last four of them as starting  
6 quarterback of the Calgary Stampeders. As quarterback of the  
7 Calgary Stampeders he has passed for almost 28,000 yards and 177  
8 touchdowns in the Canadian Football League. In the 2008 season he  
9 passed for 5,093 yards and threw 39 touchdown passes; and

10       WHEREAS, Henry Burris Junior led the Calgary Stampeders to win  
11 the Western Conference title this year and was named Western  
12 Conference Most Valuable Player (MVP); and

13       WHEREAS, Henry Burris Junior then quarterbacked the Calgary  
14 Stampeders to win the Canadian Football League Championship in the  
15 96th Grey Cup. He was named the Grey Cup's most valuable player  
16 (MVP) after completing 28 of his 37 passes for 328 yards, including  
17 one touchdown pass, and rushing for 79 yards; and

18       WHEREAS, Henry Burris Junior, a self described "country boy"  
19 known to his teammates as "Smilin' Hank" or just "Happy" or "B", is  
20 known for his sunny disposition and positive attitude that has  
21 enabled him to overcome obstacles that would have daunted a less  
22 optimistic individual. He created the Henry Burris' All-Star  
23 Weekend to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Smilin' Hank is  
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1 considering a career in broadcasting after his athletic career is  
2 completed.

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 congratulates Henry Burriss Junior  
6 for leading his CFL team to the Western Conference Title and Grey  
7 Cup Championship and for being designated the Most Valuable Player  
8 of both the Western Conference title game and the 96th Grey Cup  
9 game.

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Henry Burriss Junior for  
11 his positive attitude, dedication, perseverance, and determination  
12 to win.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Henry Armand  
14 Burriss Junior; his father Henry Burriss Senior, a social worker and  
15 Vietnam veteran; his mother Caresse Burriss; his wife, Nicole Burriss,  
16 whom he met at Temple University; and his son, Armond Jaiman Burriss.

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