

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 71

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating University of Oklahoma
8 basketball player Courtney Paris for her many
9 records; commending the 2008-2009 University of
10 Oklahoma Sooners women's basketball team; and
11 directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the 2008-2009 University of Oklahoma Sooners women's
13 basketball team achieved a program-record 32 wins, including a
14 record 20 consecutive game streak, and reached its second Final Four
15 tournament; and

16 WHEREAS, the 2008-2009 University of Oklahoma Sooners women's
17 basketball team won the Big 12 Conference Championship for the sixth
18 time. This is a record. Three of the championships were won in the
19 last four years; and

20 WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma Sooners women's basketball
21 Head Coach Sherri Coale was named Big 12 Coach of the Year for a
22 record fourth time. Courtney Paris was the Big 12 Player of the
23 Year for a record third consecutive time, and Whitney Hand was named
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1 Big 12 Freshman of the Year. Ashley Paris and Danielle Robinson
2 were also named to the Big 12 team; and

3 WHEREAS, Sooner Courtney Paris became the first college
4 basketball player, regardless of gender or division, to record at
5 least 2,500 points and 2,000 rebounds; and

6 WHEREAS, Courtney Paris was a four-time unanimous All-American
7 selection, the first such designated by the Associated Press and the
8 U.S. Basketball Writers Association. Courtney Paris is the first
9 and only person to accomplish this feat; and

10 WHEREAS, Courtney Paris concluded her collegiate career at the
11 University of Oklahoma with 20 NCAA records, 57 Big 12 Conference
12 records, and 69 University of Oklahoma women's basketball records,
13 including a streak of 112 consecutive games with a double-double -
14 at least 10 points and 10 rebounds; and

15 WHEREAS, basketball is a team sport and no individual
16 achievements are individually possible.

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

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates University of
20 Oklahoma Sooners basketball player Courtney Paris for her many
21 athletic records and recognitions.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the 2008-2009 University
23 of Oklahoma Sooners women's basketball team for their outstanding
24 record-breaking performance and season.

1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to University of
2 Oklahoma President David L. Boren, University of Oklahoma Athletic
3 Director Joe Castiglione, University of Oklahoma women's basketball
4 Head Coach Sherri Coale, and the members of the 2008-2009 Sooners
5 women's basketball team.

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