

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 31

By: Aldridge, Adelson, Allen,  
Anderson, Ballenger,  
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,  
Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley,  
Brown, Burrage, Childers,  
Coates, Crain, David, Eason  
McIntyre, Ellis, Fields,  
Ford, Garrison, Halligan,  
Holt, Ivester, Johnson  
(Constance), Johnson (Rob),  
Jolley, Justice, Laster,  
Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,  
Myers, Newberry, Nichols,  
Paddack, Russell, Schulz,  
Shortey, Simpson, Sparks,  
Stanislowski, Sykes, Treat,  
Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution congratulating Morris Claiborne, winner  
of the 2011 Jim Thorpe Award; wishing him well in his  
future endeavors; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Morris Claiborne, cornerback for the Louisiana State  
University Tigers, has been selected as the winner of the 2011 Jim  
Thorpe Award, which recognizes the nation's premier defensive back;  
and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the Jim Thorpe Award, Claiborne  
was a unanimous first-team All-American and was named the 2011  
Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Claiborne finished the 2011 season with six  
interceptions and 173 interception yards and his 274 career  
interception return yards ranks second in school history; and

WHEREAS, having finished his collegiate career with 90 tackles, 12 pass breakups and eleven interceptions, Claiborne is a fitting selection as the nation's best defensive back and the recipient of the award named after America's greatest all-around athlete and native Oklahoman, Jim Thorpe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Louisiana State University Tiger Morris Claiborne upon his selection as recipient of the 2011 Jim Thorpe Award, recognizing him as the nation's best college defensive back.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Morris Claiborne well in his future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to 2011 Jim Thorpe Award winner Morris Claiborne of the Louisiana State University Tigers.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of February, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate