

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 36

By: Halligan and Fields of the
Senate

and

5 Denney and Williams of the
6 House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the Oklahoma
11 State University Cowgirls Basketball Team for winning
12 the 2012 Women's National Invitation Tournament;
13 extending condolences; and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State University Cowgirls Basketball Team
15 has demonstrated courage and tenacity in the face of great tragedy;
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17 WHEREAS, OSU women's basketball head coach Kurt Budke and
18 assistant coach Miranda Serna perished in a plane crash on November
19 17, 2011, along with pilot and OSU alumni Olin Branstetter and his
20 wife, Paula; and

21 WHEREAS, the OSU Cowgirls promised to pay honor to those who
22 died and fulfilled that promise by persevering in 2012 under the
23 direction of assistant coach Jim Littell with a 22-12 season. The
24 team landed a spot in the Women's National Invitation Tournament,

1 marking the sixth straight year the program has competed in
2 postseason play - a school record; and

3 WHEREAS, the Cowgirls won the WNIT for the first time in program
4 history after defeating James Madison 75-68 in Stillwater; and

5 WHEREAS, the team honored their lost leaders by allowing Budke's
6 wife, Shelley, to cut the final piece of net from the hoop; and

7 WHEREAS, the team has a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.04; and

8 WHEREAS, the OSU women's basketball program was honored by
9 RUSSELL ATHLETIC and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association
10 (WBCA) receiving the inaugural RUSSELL ATHLETIC "Together We R" Team
11 Award, which honors programs that have strived to succeed in the
12 face of adversity, overcoming extraordinary circumstances. The
13 Cowgirls exemplified a strong commitment to the core values of
14 togetherness, courage, unparalleled work ethic and heart, and
15 personified the "Together We R" belief that teams are stronger than
16 individuals. The team was presented with the award at the second
17 annual WBCA Awards Show.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
19 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates the Oklahoma State
22 University Cowgirls Basketball Team for their outstanding 2012
23 season and for persevering in the face of great tragedy.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends sincere condolences to the
2 Budke, Herrera, Serna and Branstetter families.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Coach Jim
4 Littell, President Burns Hargis, Athletic Director Mike Holder, the
5 OSU/AM Board of Regents, Shelley Budke, Nettie Herrera, and the
6 Branstetter family.

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