

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 31

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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11 WHEREAS, Morris Claiborne, cornerback for the Louisiana State
12 University Tigers, has been selected as the winner of the 2011 Jim
13 Thorpe Award, which recognizes the nation's premier defensive back;
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15 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the Jim Thorpe Award, Claiborne
16 was a unanimous first-team All-American and was named the 2011
17 Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year; and

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

21 WHEREAS, having finished his collegiate career with 90 tackles,
22 12 pass breakups and eleven interceptions, Claiborne is a fitting
23 selection as the nation's best defensive back and the recipient of
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1 the award named after America's greatest all-around athlete and
2 native Oklahoman, Jim Thorpe.

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

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

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

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

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