

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 54

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution honoring the Oklahoma State University
8 Cowboys football team for winning the Big 12 title
9 and the 41st annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl; and
10 directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State University Cowboys football team,
12 under Coach Mike Gundy, won the 2011 Big 12 football championship
13 and the 41st annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in a thrilling 41-38
14 overtime victory over Stanford; and

15 WHEREAS, the Cowboys won twelve games in the season, including a
16 dominating 44-10 victory over their bedlam rivals; and

17 WHEREAS, the Cowboys were ranked in the top 10 of the Associated
18 Press poll for the entire season, and finished the season ranked
19 third, their highest finish ever; and

20 WHEREAS, the Cowboy offense set new school records for points
21 scored and total offense while averaging 48.7 points a game, and
22 the Cowboy defense led the nation in turnovers forced; and
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1 WHEREAS, dating back to the start of the 2008 season, the
2 Cowboys have won 41 games, the seventh highest total in the nation
3 during that time; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Cowboys set a school record with five All-
5 Americans - Justin Blackmon, Quinn Sharp, Levy Adcock, Grant Garner
6 and Markelle Martin; and

7 WHEREAS, in the 2011 season, the Cowboys defeated four teams
8 that won 10 games and defeated seven teams in the final BCS
9 rankings' top 30; and

10 WHEREAS, junior wide receiver Justin Blackmon in 2011 became
11 only the second player in the history of college football to win the
12 Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best collegiate wide receiver for
13 the second consecutive year, and quarterback Brandon Weeden re-wrote
14 the school's passing record book; and

15 WHEREAS, the Cowboys championship season earned Coach Mike Gundy
16 the Eddie Robinson Award as the national coach of the year and the
17 Paul "Bear" Bryant College Coach of the Year; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Gundy is on the cusp of becoming the most
19 successful coach in OSU football history; and

20 WHEREAS, since 2009, Oklahoma State's 20-5 record against the
21 Big 12 is the best mark in the league.

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

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the Oklahoma State
2 Cowboys football team and Coach Mike Gundy upon their outstanding
3 2011 season and recognizes their Big 12 Conference Championship and
4 their win in the 41st Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

5 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the talents of the
6 student-athletes who make up this winning team; and commends Coach
7 Gundy on his outstanding career and many accomplishments as well as
8 his dedication to the OSU football program.

9 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Coach Mike
10 Gundy, members of the Oklahoma State University Cowboys football
11 team, OSU President Burns Hargis, Athletic Director Mike Holder and
12 the OSU/A&M Board of Regents.

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