

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 61

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution celebrating the Centennial of Jim
8 Thorpe's gold medal-winning performances in the 1912
9 Olympic Games, Oklahoma's rich Olympic tradition, and
10 the growing Oklahoma Olympic movement and its impact
11 on the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

12 WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe, a native Oklahoman and American Indian, in
13 1912 represented the United States at the Olympic Games in
14 Stockholm, Sweden. Thorpe won gold medals in the pentathlon and
15 decathlon, and was the first American to win a gold medal in the
16 decathlon, in which he set a world record; and

17 WHEREAS, having been voted numerous times as the greatest
18 athlete of the Twentieth Century, Thorpe is widely regarded as
19 America's greatest all-around male athlete and perhaps the greatest
20 athlete who ever lived; and

21 WHEREAS, in celebration of the Centennial of Jim Thorpe's gold
22 medal-winning performances at the 1912 Olympic Games, the Jim Thorpe
23 Museum and Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, home of the Jim Thorpe
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1 Award, is featuring a special exhibit on the 1912 Olympics,
2 featuring artifacts from the 1912 games; and

3 WHEREAS, also in celebration of the Centennial of Jim Thorpe's
4 1912 Olympic performance, the Jim Thorpe Native American Games will
5 be held in Oklahoma City from June 10-17; and

6 WHEREAS, in commemoration of this anniversary of Oklahoma's
7 greatest Olympic achievement, the Oklahoma State Senate wishes to
8 honor Jim Thorpe's performances along with the achievements of the
9 15 Olympians in the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, including John
10 Smith, Shannon Miller, Kenny Monday, J.W. Mashburn, Wayman Tisdale
11 and Michele Smith; and

12 WHEREAS, the International Gymnastics "Wall of Fame" in the
13 Science Museum Oklahoma in Oklahoma City's Adventure District
14 celebrates some of the world's greatest Olympic legends, including
15 Olga Korbut, Mary Lou Retton, and Nadia Comaneci; and

16 WHEREAS, the Olympic movement in Oklahoma today is stronger than
17 it has ever been, with the presence of official Olympic and
18 Paralympic training sites at the University of Central Oklahoma and
19 the Oklahoma River, soon to be upgraded by the taxpayers of Oklahoma
20 City into one of the finest rowing and canoe/kayak venues in the
21 world, the recent relocation of USA Canoe Kayak's headquarters to
22 Oklahoma City, the recent staging on the Oklahoma River of USA Canoe
23 Kayak's Olympic trials, and the continuing staging of world class

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1 gymnastics events by Oklahoma Sports Hall of Famer Bart Conner and
2 Nadia Comaneci; and

3 WHEREAS, athletes with Oklahoma ties will be well-represented at
4 the 2012 Olympic Games in London, including rowers, gymnasts,
5 Paralympians, and members of the Oklahoma City Thunder.

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

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate celebrates the Centennial of Jim
9 Thorpe's gold medal-winning performances in the 1912 Olympic Games,
10 Oklahoma's rich Olympic tradition, and the growing Oklahoma Olympic
11 movement, soon to be felt at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

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