

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1040

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending Dan Hays; proclaiming
8 February 27, 2016, as Dan Hays Day; and directing
9 distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Dan Hays is a 1964 graduate of Highland High School in
12 Albuquerque, New Mexico. He then attended Casper Junior College for
13 one year before transferring to Eastern New Mexico University; and

14 WHEREAS, at ENMU, Coach Hays earned All-America honorable
15 mention twice, was named to the NAIA and NCAA all-district teams
16 twice, and was the most valuable player and leading scorer on coach
17 Harry Miller's first two nationally ranked Greyhound teams; and

18 WHEREAS, after graduating from college in 1968, he spent several
19 years in the Amateur Athletic Union leagues, played in three
20 national tournaments, and was chosen to the AAU All-Stars team that
21 played the Soviet Union's national team in 1971; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Hays holds master's degrees from Eastern New
23 Mexico in physical education and Eastern Washington in athletic
24 administration; and

1 WHEREAS, he coached for six seasons at the high school level in
2 two New Mexico towns and later served as an assistant coach at
3 Southeastern Oklahoma State University for three seasons and at
4 Eastern Washington University for one season; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Hays then served as head coach at Northwestern
6 Oklahoma State University for five seasons before starting his
7 illustrious thirty-three-season career at Oklahoma Christian
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, OC won six of their ten Sooner Athletic Conference
10 regular-season championships and their only SAC tournament title
11 during Coach Hays' tenure. He led OC to nine NAIA Division 1
12 tournaments and reached the round of 16 five times, most recently in
13 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, he has recorded more wins at an Oklahoma university
15 than any other coach in the state's hoops history and is a member of
16 the NAIA Hall of Fame, the OC Athletic Hall of Fame and the Eastern
17 New Mexico Hall of Honor; and

18 WHEREAS, he is the fourth-longest-serving active head coach in
19 any sport at any Oklahoma university and ranks third all-time among
20 collegiate basketball coaches in tenure at one Oklahoma school; and

21 WHEREAS, OC President John deSteiguer commented, "Coach Hays is
22 a living legend - the winningest college-level basketball coach in
23 Oklahoma history. He has achieved his success the right way -
24 working hard, persevering, surrounding himself with good people and

1 treating everyone with respect. Coach is an example for all of
2 us."; and

3 WHEREAS, at 69 years of age, Coach Hays desires to retire after
4 48 years of coaching; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Hays is married to JoAnn, a retired public school
6 teacher. They have two daughters, Stacie and Michelle, and four
7 grandchildren.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT Dan Hays is to be commended for his success in collegiate
11 basketball coaching and for the positive impact he has made on the
12 lives of student athletes.

13 THAT Saturday, February 27, 2016, is hereby proclaimed as Dan
14 Hays Day in Oklahoma in honor of his last game of coaching.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dan Hays.

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