

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 25

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating Senator Ron Sharp for
8 being inducted into the Oklahoma Tennis Coaches Hall
9 of Fame; commending his career; and directing
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Ron Sharp grew up on the tennis court and was a four-
12 year varsity letterman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and
13 was selected as Freshman of the Year in 1971; and

14 WHEREAS, after receiving his teaching degree, he began his 38
15 year teaching career at Shawnee High School; and

16 WHEREAS, he coached the Shawnee boys from 1974-1988 and the
17 girls from 1983-1988; and

18 WHEREAS, Shawnee High School dominated what is now Class 6A
19 tennis throughout his 15-year coaching career; and

20 WHEREAS, Sharp was honored by the Oklahoma Tennis Coaches
21 Association for his 15 years of leadership and dedication to his
22 tennis teams by being inducted into the Oklahoma Tennis Coaches Hall
23 of Fame on February 10, 2018, in Oklahoma City; and
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1 WHEREAS, playing in the top classification, Sharp's teams
2 accumulated a total of six state championships and eight runner-up
3 titles. The boys' teams won 15 consecutive conference championships
4 while his girls' teams won five consecutive conference
5 championships; and

6 WHEREAS, Sharp's 15-year coaching record for the boys stands at
7 303-7, and his girls achieved a 91-8 record during the five years he
8 coached them; and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he had 13 All-American first-team
10 selections and 22 All-American second team selections. He had 51
11 Oklahoma All-State first team selections and 11 All-State second-
12 team selections; and

13 WHEREAS, Sharp was selected National High School Tennis Coach of
14 the Year in 1979; All-American Coach in 1987; and as one of the top
15 50 coaches in the world by the U.S. Professional Tennis Registry and
16 Vaurnet-France International in 1988; and

17 WHEREAS, he received the Oklahoma Tennis Coach of the Year award
18 13 out of his 15 years and he received the Conference Coach of the
19 Year for 15 consecutive years; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1979, he formed the Oklahoma Tennis Coaches
21 Association along with Bob R. Williams, executive director of the
22 Oklahoma Coaches Association, and served as the organization's first
23 president and later as its treasurer.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
2 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Senator Ron Sharp
4 for being inducted into the 2018 Oklahoma Tennis Coaches Hall of
5 Fame.

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends his 15-year reign over
7 the Shawnee High School tennis dynasty.

8 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Ron
9 Sharp.

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