

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1020

By: McCall of the House

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6 Treat of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating Bob Stoops.

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13 WHEREAS, Bob Stoops was named the 21st head coach of Oklahoma  
14 Football in 1998 and led the Sooners for 18 years until his  
15 retirement as head coach in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Stoops is the winningest coach in Oklahoma  
17 history with a record of 191-48, leading the Sooners to double-digit  
18 wins in 14 of his 18 seasons - the most of any FBS coach from 2000-  
19 2016 - and to at least eight victories in each of his last 17  
20 seasons, which was the longest active streak in the nation; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Stoops' victories include 10 Big 12 Conference  
22 titles, the 2000 national championship, and a school record 18  
23 consecutive bowl berths; and

1       WHEREAS, he is the only coach in the BCS era to win the Fiesta  
2 Bowl, Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and the national  
3 championship, and he accumulated more victories over his first 18  
4 seasons than any coach in the game's history; and

5       WHEREAS, during his 18 years at OU, he coached the Sooners to  
6 more wins than any other Power Five program during that time span;  
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8       WHEREAS, seven of his teams finished in the AP top five,  
9 including each of his last two seasons, while three more finished  
10 No. 6; and

11       WHEREAS, earning the moniker "Big-Game Bob" early in his OU  
12 tenure, Coach Stoops' tendency for knocking off quality opponents  
13 was reflected in his 61-30 record against AP Top 25 opponents; and

14       WHEREAS, OU's home record under Coach Stoops was an incredible  
15 101-9 at Gaylord Family - Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, with all 110 of  
16 those games being sellouts; and

17       WHEREAS, among his many coaching honors, Coach Stoops was a six-  
18 time Big 12 Coach of the Year, two-time national coach of the year,  
19 and last year was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame;  
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21       WHEREAS, Coach Stoops produced 37 first-team All-Americans, two  
22 AP Players of the Year, and 79 NFL Draft picks as OU's head coach;  
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1       WHEREAS, he coached two Heisman Trophy winners - Jason White in  
2 2003 and Sam Bradford in 2008 - and seven Heisman finalists, with a  
3 number of other players earning honors such as the Nagurski, Thorpe,  
4 and Butkus Awards; and

5       WHEREAS, in addition to his legendary contributions to the OU  
6 football program and to the university as a whole, Coach Stoops has  
7 been a pillar in the Oklahoma community. Since its inception, the  
8 Bob Stoops Champions Foundation has provided over \$2 million to  
9 organizations that help local children in Norman and Oklahoma City.  
10 Just some of the organizations that received support last year  
11 include the City Care Whiz Kids Program, Norman Regional Health  
12 Foundation, Toby Keith Foundation, Oklahoma Children's Hospital at  
13 OU Health, Cavett Kids Foundation, Oklahoma Institute of Child  
14 Advocacy Heroes Ball, Sooners Helping Sooners, Norman Public  
15 Schools, Norman Youth Foundation, OU Dance Marathon, Citizen's  
16 Advisory Board, Oklahoma City Center, Oklahoma City Police Athletic  
17 League, Alameda Church of Christ Operation Hungry Santa, United Way  
18 of Norman, and Fields and Futures; and

19       WHEREAS, Coach Stoops has given tirelessly of his time, paying  
20 frequent visits to patients at Oklahoma Children's Hospital, and  
21 working with Special Spectators to bring seriously ill children and  
22 their families to practices and games, fully immersing them in the  
23 Sooner football experience and welcoming them into the OU family;  
24 and

1       WHEREAS, in November 2021, Coach Stoops again stepped in to  
2 serve Oklahoma Football, returning to the sidelines as interim head  
3 coach during the postseason and leading the team to a victory in the  
4 Valero Alamo Bowl; and

5       WHEREAS, throughout his coaching career, Coach Stoops'  
6 philosophy has always been to put the best interest of his players  
7 first; and

8       WHEREAS, for more than two decades, Sooner Nation has rallied  
9 behind Coach Stoops, inspired by his iconic leadership, unmatched  
10 enthusiasm, legendary confidence, and deep loyalty to the University  
11 of Oklahoma.

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature celebrates and commends Bob Stoops  
16 on a career of service to the Oklahoma community and success with  
17 the OU Football program.

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