

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1017

By: Hilbert, Talley, Ranson,  
and Burns of the House

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Dugger and Hall of the  
Senate

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9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Oklahoma State  
10 University mascot Pistol Pete.

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12 WHEREAS, on October 28, 2023, Oklahoma State University (OSU)  
13 celebrated the 100th anniversary of its beloved mascot Pistol Pete;  
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15 WHEREAS, the Pistol Pete mascot was modeled after Frank "Pistol  
16 Pete" Eaton, a former cowboy, gunslinger, scout, trail rider, and  
17 law enforcement officer; and

18 WHEREAS, after seeing Frank Eaton lead the 1923 Armistice Day  
19 parade in Stillwater, Oklahoma, a group of students from what was  
20 then the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College asked  
21 permission to use his "Pistol Pete" persona as the symbol  
22 representing what they believed to be the true spirit of their  
23 school; and  
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1       WHEREAS, Frank "Pistol Pete" Eaton relished his role as the  
2 original cowboy as a regular fixture on campus and at the school  
3 sporting events; and

4       WHEREAS, after Eaton's death in 1958 at 97 years old, "Pistol  
5 Pete" was made the official mascot symbol of OSU where 96 men have  
6 stepped forward to carry on the "cowboy spirit" tradition and  
7 legacy; and

8       WHEREAS, "Pistol Pete" is now arguably one of the Nation's most  
9 recognized college mascots and is the only mascot modeled after a  
10 real-life folk hero.

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
13 CONCURRING THEREIN:

14       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma  
15 State Senate join in recognizing Oklahoma State University's beloved  
16 mascot Pistol Pete, and to extend sincere appreciation for Pistol  
17 Pete carrying on Frank Eaton's legacy and cowboy spirit.

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of April,  
2024.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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