

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 36

By: McCortney

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution congratulating the 2023 University of Oklahoma women's gymnastics team; and expressing appreciation for the exemplary manner in which they represented the University of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the 2023 University of Oklahoma (OU) women's gymnastics team, under the guidance of head coach K.J. Kindler, finished with a 28-2 record, was ranked number one the entire season, and won the program's sixth national championship by tying its own NCAA finals record with a score of 198.3875; and

WHEREAS, the Sooners defeated Florida, Utah, and LSU to win their second consecutive NCAA championship, their third in the last four years, and their sixth in the last nine; and

WHEREAS, OU posted a nation-leading ten scores of at least 198, tying its own NCAA single-season record; and

WHEREAS, Olivia Trautman won the NCAA vault title, becoming the seventh Sooner, and the first since 2021, to win an individual national championship; and

1 WHEREAS, eight Sooners earned a total of ten NCAA All-America
2 honors, including five first-team accolades; and

3 WHEREAS, six Sooners earned ten WCGA regular season All-America
4 honors, with all six earning first-team acclaim and Jordan Bowers
5 joining Maggie Nichols as the only gymnasts in program history to
6 garner five All-America honors during a regular season; and

7 WHEREAS, Meilin Sullivan was named the NCAA Elite 90 award
8 winner, becoming the fifth Sooner and second OU gymnast to earn the
9 honor; and

10 WHEREAS, the Sooners won their thirteenth straight NCAA regional
11 title to advance to their nineteenth consecutive NCAA Championships;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, OU won its tenth conference title in the last eleven
14 years with the highest score in Big 12 Championship history with a
15 198.400; and

16 WHEREAS, six Sooners won a total of eight Big 12 individual
17 conference championships and claimed every event title and the all-
18 around crown; and

19 WHEREAS, Faith Torrez was honored as Big 12 Newcomer of the
20 Year, Katherine LeVasseur as Big 12 Event Specialist of the Year,
21 and Head Coach K.J. Kindler as Big 12 Coach of the Year for the
22 twelfth time as a Sooner.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
24 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the 2023 University
2 of Oklahoma women's gymnastics team, under the guidance of Coach
3 K.J. Kindler, for their sixth national championship win.

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate expresses profound appreciation
5 to Coach K.J. Kindler and the 2023 OU women's gymnastics team for
6 the exemplary manner in which they represented the University of
7 Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma.

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