

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 9

By: Thompson of the Senate

and

Osburn of the House

6 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Dean Blevins for
7 his decades of excellence in athletics, sports
8 journalism, and community service; celebrating his
9 lasting contributions to the State of Oklahoma; and
10 directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Dean Blevins, a native of Norman, Oklahoma, has been a
12 prominent figure in sports and broadcasting for over four decades,
13 beginning his sportscasting career in 1984 calling Tulsa basketball
14 games on KRMG radio and co-hosting Sportscene statewide on Tulsa
15 cable television from 1985 to 1988; and

16 WHEREAS, Blevins has served as the Sports Director at NEWS 9
17 since 2001 and has been with the station since 1997, following
18 previous work as lead sports anchor for KOCO-TV from 1988 to 1994.
19 He has also contributed to Oklahoma sports radio on KATT-FM and
20 WWLS, co-hosting the popular "The Total Dominance Hour" on The
21 Sports Animal; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a two-time Emmy Award winner and has been named
23 Oklahoma Sportscaster of the Year eight times by the National
24 Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. His excellence has

1 also been recognized through awards from the Oklahoma Association of
2 Broadcasters and the Society of Professional Journalists; and

3 WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma honored Dean Blevins with
4 the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Gaylord College of
5 Journalism and Mass Communication, and in 2017, he received the Bob
6 Hersom Award from the March of Dimes for outstanding journalism; and

7 WHEREAS, Blevins was recognized as one of "55 Over 55 Inspiring
8 Oklahomans" in 2023 and has brought unmatched insight to sports
9 reporting, drawing from his own achievements as a three-sport All-
10 State athlete and the 1974 Oklahoma High School Athlete of the Year;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Blevins was a starting quarterback for the University
13 of Oklahoma, playing on two national championship football teams and
14 lettering in both football and basketball, an accomplishment not
15 repeated at OU in over 70 years; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served as a network television announcer for
17 ABC, CBS, and ESPN, and hosted coaches' shows for legendary figures
18 such as Barry Switzer, Bob Stoops, Lincoln Riley, Brent Venables,
19 Eddie Sutton, and Jerry Jones; and

20 WHEREAS, beyond his professional achievements, Blevins has
21 actively served his community through charitable work, including
22 golf tournaments benefiting the Infant Crisis Center, Arthritis
23 Foundation, and Christmas Connection. He serves on the Board of
24 Directors for the Salvation Army in Oklahoma City and was named

1 Oklahoma Father of the Year in 2003 by the American Diabetes
2 Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Dean Blevins continues to inspire generations of
4 Oklahomans through his professionalism, integrity, and lifelong
5 dedication to his craft and his community.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
7 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby recognizes Dean
10 Blevins for his outstanding contributions to Oklahoma athletics,
11 sports journalism, and public service.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dean Blevins
13 and his family as an expression of gratitude and admiration for his
14 exemplary career and legacy.

15 Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of May, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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19 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
20 2025.

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