

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 9

By: Thompson of the Senate

and

Osburn of the House

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

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

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

WHEREAS, he is a two-time Emmy Award winner and has been named Oklahoma Sportscaster of the Year eight times by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. His excellence has also been recognized through awards from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters and the Society of Professional Journalists; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, beyond his professional achievements, Blevins has actively served his community through charitable work, including golf tournaments benefiting the Infant Crisis Center, Arthritis Foundation, and Christmas Connection. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Salvation Army in Oklahoma City and was named Oklahoma Father of the Year in 2003 by the American Diabetes Association; and

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

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

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

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

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of May,
2025.

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