

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 9

By: Thompson of the Senate  
and  
Osburn of the House

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, beyond his professional achievements, Blevins has  
24 actively served his community through charitable work, including

1 golf tournaments benefiting the Infant Crisis Center, Arthritis  
2 Foundation, and Christmas Connection. He serves on the Board of  
3 Directors for the Salvation Army in Oklahoma City and was named  
4 Oklahoma Father of the Year in 2003 by the American Diabetes  
5 Association; and

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

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

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

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

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