1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
4	HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1017 By: Hilbert, Talley, Ranson,
5	and Burns of the House
6	and
7	Dugger and Hall of the
8	Senate
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11	AS INTRODUCED
12	A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Oklahoma State
13	University mascot Pistol Pete.
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15	WHEREAS, on October 28, 2023, Oklahoma State University (OSU)
16	celebrated the 100th anniversary of its beloved mascot Pistol Pete;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, the Pistol Pete mascot was modeled after Frank "Pistol
19	Pete" Eaton, a former cowboy, gunslinger, scout, trail rider, and
20	law enforcement officer; and
21	WHEREAS, after seeing Frank Eaton lead the 1923 Armistice Day
22	parade in Stillwater, Oklahoma, a group of students from what was
23	then the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College asked
24	permission to use his "Pistol Pete" persona as the symbol

1 representing what they believed to be the true spirit of their
2 school; and

3 WHEREAS, Frank "Pistol Pete" Eaton relished his role as the 4 original cowboy as a regular fixture on campus and at the school 5 sporting events; and

6 WHEREAS, after Eaton's death in 1958 at 97 years old, "Pistol 7 Pete" was made the official mascot symbol of OSU where 96 men have 8 stepped forward to carry on the "cowboy spirit" tradition and 9 legacy; and

10 WHEREAS, "Pistol Pete" is now arguably one of the Nation's most 11 recognized college mascots and is the only mascot modeled after a 12 real-life folk hero.

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

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

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