

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1017

By: Hilbert, Talley, Ranson,
and Burns of the House

and

Dugger and Hall of the
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Oklahoma State
University mascot Pistol Pete.

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2023, Oklahoma State University (OSU) celebrated the 100th anniversary of its beloved mascot Pistol Pete; and

WHEREAS, the Pistol Pete mascot was modeled after Frank "Pistol Pete" Eaton, a former cowboy, gunslinger, scout, trail rider, and law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, after seeing Frank Eaton lead the 1923 Armistice Day parade in Stillwater, Oklahoma, a group of students from what was then the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College asked permission to use his "Pistol Pete" persona as the symbol representing what they believed to be the true spirit of their school; and

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

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

WHEREAS, "Pistol Pete" is now arguably one of the Nation's most recognized college mascots and is the only mascot modeled after a 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:

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.
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