

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 14

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating the University of Tulsa
8 Golden Hurricane football team for winning the 2016
9 Miami Beach Bowl; commending their outstanding 2016
10 season; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane football team
12 finished their impressive 2016 season by beating Central Michigan to
13 win the Miami Beach Bowl; and

14 WHEREAS, it was the team's 21st bowl game appearance and their
15 tenth bowl victory; and

16 WHEREAS, the Golden Hurricane's 10-3 season was the team's tenth
17 10-win season in school history, and the first since 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, for the first time in the 147 years of college and NCAA
19 D1/FBS football, history was established by the Hurricane when Josh
20 Atkinson went over 1,000 yards receiving for the season in the bowl
21 game, making Tulsa the first team to have a 3,000-yard passer (Dane
22 Evans), two 1,000-yard rushers (D'Angelo Brewer and James Flanders)
23 and two 1,000-yard receivers (Josh Atkinson and Keevan Lucas); and
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1 WHEREAS, the Hurricane scored 40 points or more ten times in
2 2016, and had four games scoring over 50 points; and

3 WHEREAS, Tulsa accumulated over 500 yards of total offense five
4 times this season; and

5 WHEREAS, the team rushed for over 300 yards eight times in 2016
6 setting a school record which was also the second most in the NCAA;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Hurricane completed the season ranked among the
9 nation's offensive leaders - 4th for total offense, 7th for scoring,
10 8th for rushing offense and 30th for passing offense; and

11 WHEREAS, the running duo of James Flanders and D'Angelo Brewer
12 became only the second pair of backs in school history to rush for
13 over 1,000 yards in the same season, and the 72nd pair of backs in
14 NCAA history to accomplish the feat; and

15 WHEREAS, Tulsa set 11 individual school records on offense,
16 including 9 career records, one single-season and one single-game
17 record; and

18 WHEREAS, Tulsa's 31-point comeback over Fresno State ties for
19 the second largest comeback in NCAA FBS/Division 1 history; and

20 WHEREAS, Dane Evans was honored as one of 24 players nationwide
21 named to the prestigious Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, one of the
22 most-coveted off-the-field honors in college football.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
24 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the University of
2 Tulsa Golden Hurricane football team for winning the 2016 Miami
3 Beach Bowl.

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the Golden Hurricane for
5 their record-setting season.

6 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to University of
7 Tulsa President, Gerard P. Clancy, M.D.; Athletic Director, Dr.
8 Derrick Gragg; Associate Athletic Director, Brian Scislo; Head
9 Football Coach Philip Montgomery; Director of Football Operations,
10 Kyle Grooms; Dane Evans, Josh Atkinson, Keevan Lucas, James Flanders
11 and D'Angelo Brewer.

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