

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 67

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating the OU Men's Gymnastics
8 team for winning the 2016 NCAA National Championship;
9 congratulating OU for being the first school in NCAA
10 history to win the national championship in both
11 men's and women's gymnastics in the same year;
12 applauds Head Coach Mark Williams' 7th national
13 championship and the program's 10th national
14 championship; and directing distribution.

15 WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma Men's Gymnastics team scored
16 443.400 points to finish its second consecutive undefeated season
17 beating runner-up Stanford University by nearly ten points, the
18 widest margin since the current system was implemented in 2008; and

19 WHEREAS, this marks the team's tenth NCAA championship in
20 program history; and

21 WHEREAS, the OU Men's Gymnastics team's historic night included
22 more than just the team title. Joining Van Wicklin as an individual
23 national champion was freshman Yul Moldauer, who became just the
24 second freshman in NCAA history to win the all-around championship.
Moldauer was not the only Sooner on the all-around podium.

1 Teammates Kanji Oyama tied for second and Allan Bower took fourth;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Sooners were strong on parallel bars, scoring
4 74.100 to take an 8-point lead into the last rotation. As OU
5 changed corrals to go to high bar, the electronic scoring system
6 went down so they had to compete without knowing their scores. The
7 glitch did not phase the team, though, and all five Sooners in the
8 rotation hit their routines, capping a perfect 30-for-30 night; and

9 WHEREAS, with the OU Women's Gymnastics team also winning the
10 NCAA National Title, OU became the first school in NCAA history to
11 win the national championship in both men's and women's gymnastics
12 in the same year; and

13 WHEREAS, the Sooners are now tied with Penn State University for
14 first in the country with twelve combined national championships
15 between the men's and women's gymnastics programs.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
17 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the OU Men's
19 Gymnastics team for winning the 2016 NCAA National Championship.

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates OU for being the
21 first school in NCAA history to win the national championship in
22 both men's and women's gymnastics in the same year.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds Head Coach Mark Williams
2 on his 7th NCAA national championship and the program's 10th
3 national title.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to OU Gymnastics
5 Men's Head Coach Mark Williams.

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