

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1034

By: McCall

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing and honoring Barry Switzer for his many contributions to the University of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Barry Switzer joined the University of Oklahoma football staff as an assistant coach before the 1966 football season, was named offensive coordinator in 1967, and served as the program's 17th Head Coach from 1973 through 1988; and

WHEREAS, Coach Switzer is tied with Bud Wilkinson for the most national championships in program history, winning titles in 1974, 1975, and 1985; and

WHEREAS, he finished his head coaching career with a 157-29-4 record, good for an .837 winning percentage, the fourth highest among NCAA I-A coaches at the time; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Switzer's teams won twelve Big Eight Conference
2 titles in his sixteen years as head coach and finished with a
3 winning record each season; and

4 WHEREAS, under his leadership, OU's Wishbone attack produced
5 some of the most prolific rushing offenses in college football
6 history, and Sooner defenses were routinely among the nation's best;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Switzer went undefeated in his first thirty games
9 as head coach, posting a 29-0-1 record; and

10 WHEREAS, his Sooner teams were ranked in the Associated Press
11 (AP) Top 5 for one hundred forty-eight weeks and were ranked No. 1
12 for forty-three weeks; and

13 WHEREAS, Twelve of his sixteen squads finished their season
14 ranked in the AP Top 10, ten finished in the AP Top 5, and nine in
15 the AP Top 3; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Switzer thrived against OU's biggest rivals,
17 posting a 12-5 record as Head Coach against the University of
18 Nebraska, going 9-5-2 versus the University of Texas, and 15-1
19 against Oklahoma State University; and

20 WHEREAS, his penchant for knocking off quality opponents was
21 also reflected in his 47-21-4 record against top 20 teams; and

22 WHEREAS, his 1986 and 1987 football teams led the nation in
23 scoring offense and scoring defense; and
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1 WHEREAS, Coach Switzer's squads posted a robust 77-10-1 (.886)
2 home record and were nearly as successful in road games, going 63-9-
3 1 for the most true road wins and the best true-road-game winning
4 percentage (.870) in program history; and

5 WHEREAS, his players earned twenty-eight consensus All-America
6 honors (twelve on offense and sixteen on defense), including 1978
7 Heisman Trophy-winning running back Billy Sims; and

8 WHEREAS, he coached OU players to a total of eighteen individual
9 national honors, such as the Butkus and Jim Thorpe Awards and the
10 Outland Trophy; and

11 WHEREAS, eight of Coach Switzer's players have been inducted
12 into the College Football Hall of Fame; and

13 WHEREAS, he produced ninety-four NFL Draft picks as OU's head
14 coach, including sixteen first-rounders and No. 1 overall selections
15 Lee Roy Selmon in 1976 and Billy Sims in 1980; and

16 WHEREAS, he served as Head Coach of the Dallas Cowboys from 1994
17 through 1997, posting the best winning percentage in franchise
18 history and leading the 1995 squad to a Super Bowl title; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Switzer is one of only three coaches to win a
20 college national championship and a Super Bowl; and

21 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the
22 Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, and the College Football Hall of Fame;
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