



1       WHEREAS, Coach Smith's numbers for All-Americans, conference  
2 championships, and individual conference champions are the most at  
3 OSU by a wide margin and are believed to be the most in NCAA  
4 wrestling history; and

5       WHEREAS, Coach Smith also coached at the world level, coaching  
6 Team USA at the Olympics in 2000 and 2012, at the World  
7 Championships in 1998, 2009, 2010, and 2011, at the World Cup in  
8 1997, and coaching the USA Women's Cadet World Team in 2018; and

9       WHEREAS, prior to taking over as Oklahoma State head coach,  
10 Coach Smith put together a wrestling career that squarely places him  
11 in the conversation for the greatest American wrestler ever; and

12       WHEREAS, Coach Smith won six consecutive world championships as  
13 a competitor from 1987 to 1992, including gold medals at the 1988  
14 Olympic Games in Seoul, gold medals at the 1992 Olympic Games in  
15 Barcelona, two gold medals in two attempts at the Pan American  
16 Games, two gold medals in two attempts at the Goodwill Games, and  
17 two NCAA individual championships for Oklahoma State; and

18       WHEREAS, Coach Smith's Cowboy wrestling career also included  
19 three All-America honors, three conference championships, the NWCA  
20 Collegiate Wrestler of the Year award, and more than 150 career wins  
21 to rank as the most in program history; and

22       WHEREAS, Smith is a Distinguished Member of the National  
23 Wrestling Hall of Fame, a two-time selection as the National  
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1 Wrestling Coaches Association coach of the year, and a 15-time  
2 selection as conference coach of the year; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Smith was also the first wrestler to be inducted  
4 into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and is a member of the Oklahoma  
5 Sports Hall of Fame.

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

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma  
10 State Senate join in recognizing the many accomplishments of Coach  
11 John Smith and his impact on wrestling, and to extend sincere  
12 appreciation for his work and dedication.

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