

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1035

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution congratulating the University of
9 Oklahoma Sooners softball team for winning the 2023
10 NCAA Women's College World Series.

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12 WHEREAS, the 2022 Oklahoma softball team, under the direction of
13 Head Coach Patty Gasso, swept rival University of Texas in the
14 Women's College World Series Championship Series, to win its second
15 consecutive national title; and

16 WHEREAS, the 2023 OU softball team swept No. 3 seed Florida
17 State in the Women's College World Series Championship Series to
18 claim the program's third straight national championship; and

19 WHEREAS, the Sooners, over the 49-year history of the University
20 of Oklahoma softball program, have won seven national championships,
21 including five in the past seven years and six in the past 10 years;
22 and have competed in 16 Women's College World Series, including 11
23 of the last 12; and

1 WHEREAS, the 2023 OU softball team set the NCAA Division I
2 record for longest winning streak, registering 53 victories in a row
3 to break a 26-year-old record previously held by the University of
4 Arizona at 47 straight victories; and

5 WHEREAS, a nation-leading five Sooners were named 2023 NFCA
6 First-Team All-Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, OU went undefeated in 2023 conference play for just the
8 fourth time in the league's history, finishing 18-0 and winning the
9 program's 11th consecutive Big 12 regular season title and 15th
10 overall; and

11 WHEREAS, the Sooners completed the Big 12 title sweep by winning
12 the 2023 Big 12 Softball Championship in Oklahoma City, the
13 program's eighth conference tournament crown; and

14 WHEREAS, Head Coach Patty Gasso was named Big 12 Coach of the
15 Year for the 11th consecutive season in 2023 and 15th time overall;
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17 WHEREAS, OU placed eight student-athletes on the 2023 All-Big 12
18 teams, including a league-high seven on the first team; and

19 WHEREAS, Oklahoma student-athletes took home three 2023
20 conference individual awards in Big 12 Player of the Year Jayda
21 Coleman, Big 12 Pitcher of the Year Jordy Bahl and Big 12 Defensive
22 Player of the Year Grace Lyons; and

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1 WHEREAS, the 2023 team went undefeated at home in the 25th and
2 final campaign at Marita Hynes Field, finishing 19-0 to extend OU's
3 home field winning streak to 65 games.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

6 THAT the House of Representatives expresses profound
7 appreciation to Head Coach Patty Gasso and the 2022 and 2023 OU
8 softball teams for the excitement and pride they bring to the
9 University of Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma and to Sooners
10 everywhere, and for the exemplary manner in which they represented
11 the University of Oklahoma and added to its tradition of excellence.

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