

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 69

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating the 2015 Class 5A
8 Football State Champions, the Altus Bulldogs;
9 commending the team's hard work and dedication to win
10 their first title since 1971; and directing
11 distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the No. 3 Altus Bulldogs defeated the No. 9
13 Collinsville Cardinals to win the 2015 Class 5A Football State
14 Championship at Miller Stadium at Yukon High School; and

15 WHEREAS, the state title was the football program's first since
16 1971 and their second football championship overall; and

17 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were winning throughout the entire ball
18 game leading in the third quarter 20-7 when Collinsville came back
19 to take a 21-20 lead; and

20 WHEREAS, with only 3:51 remaining in the fourth quarter, the
21 game was tied 28-28; and

22 WHEREAS, the pressure was on for Altus kicker Gabe Barton who
23 made a 40-yard field goal as Collinsville called a timeout. The
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1 senior was not phased, though, and made a second field goal as time
2 expired to seal the Bulldogs' 31-28 victory; and

3 WHEREAS, Altus senior running back Taven Birdow was the heavy
4 hitter for the Bulldogs rushing for 171 yards and three touchdowns
5 on 28 carries; and

6 WHEREAS, Altus quarterback-cornerback Jayden Benway also ran for
7 a 100-yard touchdown return on an interception, which was his 15th
8 for the season and the 23rd of his career; and

9 WHEREAS, nearly the entire community of Altus was in attendance
10 and fans started tailgating early in the morning and overflowed from
11 the visitor's stands into nearly half of the home stands.

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

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the 2015 Class 5A
15 Football State Champions, the Altus Bulldogs.

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the team's hard work and
17 dedication to win their first title since 1971 and the school's
18 second football state championship.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Altus High
20 School Principal Rita Beisel and Athletic Director Todd Ware.

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