Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1091

By: Nations, Wright (Harold), Watson, Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Benge, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Wesselhoft, Williams, and Wright (John)

A Resolution honoring Bob Barry, Sr.; commending Bob Barry, Sr. for his many accomplishments and contributions to this state; proclaiming Bob Barry, Sr. Day in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. is a legendary sportscaster whose career has spanned more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. was born February 28, 1931, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and, after graduating from Classen High School in

1946, studied journalism at the University of Oklahoma prior to joining the U.S. Air Force in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. worked at KNOR radio station in Norman as an advertising salesman, disc jockey, and sportscaster and began broadcasting Norman High School football and basketball games in 1956; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Bob Barry, Sr. became the voice of the Oklahoma Sooners, having been hand-picked by OU's Bud Wilkinson for that role; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. broadcast Sooner football and basketball games from 1961 through 1972, Oklahoma State University football and basketball games from 1973 through 1990, Tulsa University basketball games 1973-74, and returned to OU to broadcast football and basketball games from 1991 to the present time; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. was sports director at Oklahoma City's WKY, Oklahoma's first television station, now KFOR News Channel 4, for more than 25 years. He retired from KFOR-TV in 1997, turning over the reins of sports director to his son, Bob Barry, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. has provided the citizens of this state with many hours of thrilling play-by-play accounts of college football and basketball games; and

WHEREAS, his in-depth knowledge of sports has made Bob Barry, Sr. the consummate sports journalist who has set high standards for the profession; and

WHEREAS, the many awards and honors bestowed upon Bob Barry, Sr. over the years, including being named Oklahoma's Sportscaster of the Year fifteen times, being inducted into the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, being recognized as a distinguished alumnus by the Gaylord College of Journalism, Media Arts and Strategic Communications at the University of Oklahoma, and being honored with the Oklahoma City Public Schools' Wall of Fame Humanitarian Award attest to the high regard in which he is held; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. was a former member of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association's Board of Directors, is

a two-time president of the Norman Rotary Club and has served on many nonprofit and civic boards in Norman; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. has been for all Oklahomans an enthusiastic advocate for Oklahoma collegiate sports and a trustworthy source for information for every aspect of sports; and

WHEREAS, Bob Barry, Sr. is THE voice of sports in the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT Bob Barry, Sr. is hereby commended for his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions to this state and to the profession of sports journalism.

THAT May 5, 2010, is hereby proclaimed "Bob Barry, Sr. Day" in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be presented to Bob Barry, Sr.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2010.

Kris Steele

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this

6th **day of** May, 2010,

at 10:57 **o'clock** A **M.**

By: