Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 13

By: Bingman, Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Boggs, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Crain, Dahm, David, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Rob), Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Shumate, Simpson, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat and Wyrick

A Resolution celebrating the life and accomplishments of Steve Davis; extending condolences and appreciation to his family; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Steve Davis was a beloved Oklahoma athlete, minister, broadcaster and entrepreneur who tragically passed from this life in a plane crash on March 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Davis grew up in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, where he dreamed of playing football for the Oklahoma Sooners; and

WHEREAS, after having been awarded the University of Oklahoma's last football scholarship of the season in 1971, Davis steadily

improved until he earned the title of starting quarterback in 1973 and led the Sooners to their first undefeated season since 1956; and

WHEREAS, in the two seasons that followed, Davis led the Sooners to national championships in 1974 and 1975; and finished his three seasons as starting quarterback with an extraordinary record of 32-1-1; and

WHEREAS, Davis' record established a new benchmark for starting quarterbacks at the University of Oklahoma, and stood until his total of 32 career wins was finally surpassed by Landry Jones this season; and

WHEREAS, Davis first became licensed as a minister while in high school, and continued ministering throughout his time at the University of Oklahoma, which included a message he delivered in a televised crusade by Billy Graham in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Davis in 1978 embarked on an 18-year career as a college football broadcaster; and would later achieve success as an entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Davis was a man of faith who will be remembered by family, friends and fans for his kind and generous spirit, big smile, hearty laugh, and his deep love for God, family, and his home state. His example as the man who was chosen last, and led his team to greatness will always serve as an inspiration and source of hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate celebrates the life and accomplishments of Steve Davis and extends to his family sincerest condolences and appreciation for the life he lived.

THAT a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Steve Davis.

Adopted by the Senate the 20th day of March, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 21st day of March, 20 13, at 10:13 o'clock A. M.

By: