

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1040

By: Grau

A Resolution commending Dan Hays; proclaiming February 27, 2016, as Dan Hays Day; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dan Hays is a 1964 graduate of Highland High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He then attended Casper Junior College for one year before transferring to Eastern New Mexico University; and

WHEREAS, at ENMU, Coach Hays earned All-America honorable mention twice, was named to the NAIA and NCAA all-district teams twice, and was the most valuable player and leading scorer on coach Harry Miller's first two nationally ranked Greyhound teams; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from college in 1968, he spent several years in the Amateur Athletic Union leagues, played in three national tournaments, and was chosen to the AAU All-Stars team that played the Soviet Union's national team in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hays holds master's degrees from Eastern New Mexico in physical education and Eastern Washington in athletic administration; and

WHEREAS, he coached for six seasons at the high school level in two New Mexico towns and later served as an assistant coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State University for three seasons and at Eastern Washington University for one season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hays then served as head coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State University for five seasons before starting his illustrious thirty-three-season career at Oklahoma Christian University; and

WHEREAS, OC won six of their ten Sooner Athletic Conference regular-season championships and their only SAC tournament title

during Coach Hays' tenure. He led OC to nine NAIA Division 1 tournaments and reached the round of 16 five times, most recently in 2010; and

WHEREAS, he has recorded more wins at an Oklahoma university than any other coach in the state's hoops history and is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame, the OC Athletic Hall of Fame and the Eastern New Mexico Hall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, he is the fourth-longest-serving active head coach in any sport at any Oklahoma university and ranks third all-time among collegiate basketball coaches in tenure at one Oklahoma school; and

WHEREAS, OC President John deSteiguer commented, "Coach Hays is a living legend - the winningest college-level basketball coach in Oklahoma history. He has achieved his success the right way - working hard, persevering, surrounding himself with good people and treating everyone with respect. Coach is an example for all of us."; and

WHEREAS, at 69 years of age, Coach Hays desires to retire after 48 years of coaching; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hays is married to JoAnn, a retired public school teacher. They have two daughters, Stacie and Michelle, and four grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT Dan Hays is to be commended for his success in collegiate basketball coaching and for the positive impact he has made on the lives of student athletes.

THAT Saturday, February 27, 2016, is hereby proclaimed as Dan Hays Day in Oklahoma in honor of his last game of coaching.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dan Hays.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 2016.


Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

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