

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1016

By: Hilbert, Talley, Ranson,
Burns, Bashore, and Fugate
of the House

4 and

5 Dugger and Hall of the
6 Senate

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9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Oklahoma State
10 University Coach John Smith's accomplishments and
11 work in collegiate wrestling.

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13 WHEREAS, in 1992, John Smith became the head wrestling coach at
14 Oklahoma State University (OSU) where OSU produced five NCAA team
15 championships, 33 NCAA individual championships, 490 dual wins, 153
16 All-America honors, 23 team conference championships, 132 individual
17 conference championships and two Hodge Trophy winners; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Smith's accomplishments place him among the top
19 coaches in the history of the sport; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Smith's 490-73-6 career dual record gives him the
21 most wins in school history and the third-most wins in the history
22 of Division I wrestling; and

23 WHEREAS, Coach Smith's numbers for All-Americans, conference
24 championships, and individual conference champions are the most at

1 OSU by a wide margin and are believed to be the most in NCAA
2 wrestling history; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Smith also coached at the world level, coaching
4 Team USA at the Olympics in 2000 and 2012, at the World
5 Championships in 1998, 2009, 2010, and 2011, at the World Cup in
6 1997, and coaching the USA Women's Cadet World Team in 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, prior to taking over as Oklahoma State head coach,
8 Coach Smith put together a wrestling career that squarely places him
9 in the conversation for the greatest American wrestler ever; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Smith won six consecutive world championships as
11 a competitor from 1987 to 1992, including gold medals at the 1988
12 Olympic Games in Seoul, gold medals at the 1992 Olympic Games in
13 Barcelona, two gold medals in two attempts at the Pan American
14 Games, two gold medals in two attempts at the Goodwill Games, and
15 two NCAA individual championships for Oklahoma State; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Smith's Cowboy wrestling career also included
17 three All-America honors, three conference championships, the NWCA
18 Collegiate Wrestler of the Year award, and more than 150 career wins
19 to rank as the most in program history; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Smith is a Distinguished Member of the National
21 Wrestling Hall of Fame, a two-time selection as the National
22 Wrestling Coaches Association coach of the year, and a 15-time
23 selection as conference coach of the year; and

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1 WHEREAS, Coach Smith was also the first wrestler to be inducted
2 into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and is a member of the Oklahoma
3 Sports Hall of Fame.

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma
8 State Senate join in recognizing the many accomplishments of Coach
9 John Smith and his impact on wrestling, and to extend sincere
10 appreciation for his work and dedication.

11 Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of April,
12 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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17 Adopted by the Senate the _____ day of _____,
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