

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1033

 By: Pittman

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution honoring Derrick L. Shepard; and
10 recognizing April 8 as Derrick Shepard Day.

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12 WHEREAS, Derrick L. Shepard, a cherished husband, father,
13 athlete, coach, friend, and Oklahoman, whose life was tragically cut
14 short by a heart attack on August 4, 1999, at the age of 35; and

15 WHEREAS, Derrick was a starting wide receiver on the 1985
16 University of Oklahoma National Championship team and played
17 professional football from 1987 to 1991 for the Dallas Cowboys, New
18 Orleans Saints, and Washington Redskins; and

19 WHEREAS, after his professional football career, Derrick
20 dedicated his life to coaching and mentoring young athletes at U.S.
21 Grant High School, the University of Oklahoma, and in Wyoming; and

22 WHEREAS, Derrick's legacy remains evident through the lives of
23 his loving wife, Cheri, his children, Ashleigh, Shelby, and
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1 Sterling, his grandchildren, and all those who were fortunate to
2 call him a teammate, a loved one, or a friend; and

3 WHEREAS, Derrick's relentless pursuit of his dreams, despite the
4 odds, serves as an inspiration to all Oklahomans.

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby declares April
8 8 as Derrick Shepard Day in recognition of his enduring legacy and
9 his significant contributions to his community, the University of
10 Oklahoma, and the State of Oklahoma.

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