Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Simpson, Allen, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Bice, Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm, David, Fields, Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Jech, Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry, Paddack, Pittman, Quinn, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Silk, Smalley, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Thompson, Treat, Wyrick, and Yen of the Senate

and

Roberts (Dustin) Hardin, Pfeiffer, Shoemake, and Ritze of the House

A Concurrent Resolution showing Oklahoma legislative support for the Toxic Exposure Act of 2015; encouraging members of the Congressional Delegation to join as cosponsors on the bill; urging the United States Congress to pass and asking the United States President to sign Senate Bill No. S.901 into law; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, millions of Americans have served our great nation over the years in the Armed Forces of the United States and during their service may have been unknowingly exposed to toxins with unknown consequences; and

WHEREAS, many children and grandchildren of our veterans are born with both structural and nonstructural birth defects, possibly stemming from their parent's Armed Forces service; and

WHEREAS, birth anomalies in the children of veterans are not tracked as most birth defects are and as a result are not reported or researched; and

WHEREAS, most states that have birth defect registries do not report to a national registry. Miscarriages and stillbirths are seldom researched for cause. Furthermore, even death and defects at military hospitals relating to the children of dependents are not tracked or put into a central registry; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense have been documenting toxic exposures and possible exposures. Senate Bill No. S.901 will allow the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs Administration to share data regarding toxic exposures; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. S.901 would create a national center within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the research, diagnosis, and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service in the Armed Forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature respectfully encourages members of the Congressional Delegation to join as cosponsors on the bill, urges the United States Congress to pass, and asks the United States President to sign Senate Bill No. S.901.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President and Vice President of the United States, as well as to the members of the United States Congress.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 22nd day of May, 20 15, at 7:48 o'clock P. M.

By: _____