Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 7

By: Rosino of the Senate

and

Kannady of the House

A Concurrent Resolution mourning the loss of Oklahomans due to COVID-19; expressing condolences to those who have lost friends and family; and asking for prayers on behalf of all Oklahomans impacted by the pandemic.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's first major public health challenge occurred just 11 years after statehood, in 1918, with the outbreak of the state's first cases of what was commonly called the Spanish influenza, a pandemic that had already been rampant in Europe; and

WHEREAS, between October 1, 1918, and April 1, 1919, a reported 7,350 Oklahomans died of Spanish influenza and related secondary infections; and

WHEREAS, just over 100 years later on March 6, 2020, Oklahoma once again was impacted by a global pandemic, with the state's first case of COVID-19 announced by Governor Kevin Stitt, the State Department of Health and the Tulsa Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the state's first COVID-19 death occurred on March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, nearly three years later, the death toll has approached nearly 18,000 Oklahoma parents, grandparents, children, friends and co-workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature joins the citizens of this state in mourning those lives lost.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses its deepest condolences to all who have lost friends and loved ones.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature asks for continuing prayers for all who have been impacted by the pandemic.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 6th day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 6th day of March, 20 23, at 4:17 o'clock P. M.

By: Brian Bingman