ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1111

By: Hamilton (Jeff) and Boyd (Laura) of the House

and

Hobson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention; stating purpose; establishing membership; providing for officers, duties, reimbursement and support services for such Council; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the issue of violence has emerged as a top priority of citizens and public officials nationwide; and

WHEREAS, violence, which includes homicides, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, elder abuse and partner abuse, threatens the safety and health of Oklahoma citizens; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has committed itself to address the issue of violence by establishing the Oklahoma Committee on Violence and Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, which is charged, generally, to develop ways to reduce violence in the state, recommended, through its final report, the creation of an Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Council, in furthering the mission of the Committee, shall be responsible for organizing resources and facilitating cooperation between various state agencies and other entities that are responsible for issues related to violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention be created.

THAT the Council shall set priorities for all state agencies in combatting violence according to those set forth in the report of the Oklahoma Committee on Violence and Public Health.

THAT the Council be composed of cabinet secretaries and department/agency heads or designees responsible for health, human services, mental health and substance abuse, education, corrections, and public safety; the Chancellor of Higher Education; a representative from each of the following: the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, the Oklahoma Public Health Association, the Oklahoma/National Association of Social Workers, the Oklahoma Social Work Educators, the Oklahoma Nurses Association, and the Oklahoma Municipal League; and representation from other appropriate private sector groups. The Council shall provide for adequate representation of women and minority groups including, though not limited to: African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans.

THAT the Council be co-chaired by the Commissioner of Health and the Commissioner of Public Safety, and that the Council make a

report of its findings and recommendations regarding the reduction of violence in the state to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate not later than prior to the beginning of the 1995 Legislative Session.

THAT members of the Council shall serve without compensation, but members may be reimbursed by their own respective appointing authorities.

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Health shall provide necessary support services with existing personnel.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Commissioner of the State Department of Health, the Director of Human Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Director of the Department of Corrections, the Chancellor of Higher Education, the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and directors of the following organizations: the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, the Oklahoma Public Health Association, the Oklahoma/National Association of Social Workers, the Oklahoma Social Work Educators, the Oklahoma Nurses Association, and the Oklahoma Municipal League.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 18th day of May, 1994.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 27th day of May, 1994.

President of the Senate