

ENGROSSED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 57

By: Robinson of the Senate

and

Sadler and Kinnamon of the  
House

A Concurrent Resolution relating to atomic veterans; requesting recognition of such veterans; requesting the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to propose or support certain benefits and medals for such veterans; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's atomic veterans showed steadfast dedication and undisputed loyalty to their country and made intolerable sacrifices in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, these atomic veterans gave their all during the terribly hot atomic age to keep our country strong and free; and

WHEREAS, these atomic veterans were unknowingly placed in the line of fire, after being assured that they faced no harm, and were subjected to an ungodly bombardment of ionizing radiation; and

WHEREAS, the radiation to which they were exposed is now and will continue eating away at their bodies every second of every day for the rest of their lives with no hope of cessation or cure; and

WHEREAS, because their wounds were not of the conventional type and were not caused by the enemy but by the United States Government, the atomic veterans did not receive service-connected medical and disability benefits and did not receive a medal such as the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, many atomic veterans have already died and others will die a horrible and painful death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT atomic veterans be recognized by the federal government.

THAT the United States Senators and Representatives from Oklahoma propose or support legislation granting service-connected medical and disability benefits to all atomic veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation and propose or support legislation issuing a medal to atomic veterans to express the gratitude of the people and government of the United States for the dedication and sacrifices of these veterans.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Chairs of the United States House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives