ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1002

By: Boyd (Laura) of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution re-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 Oklahoma Legislature created the Oklahoma Committee on Violence Prevention in 1995 to reduce the violence by the year 2000; 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 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention is re-created until January 1, 1998.

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 state department and agency heads or their designees responsible for health, human services, mental health and substance abuse, juvenile services, 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 Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the Oklahoma Social Work Educators, the Oklahoma Nurses Association, the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, 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 functions under the direction of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System Task Force 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 the beginning of the 1998 Legislative Session.

THAT members of the Council shall serve without compensation, but members may be reimbursed by their own respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center, in consultation with the Commissioners of Health and Public Safety, shall designate a steering committee and provide necessary support services with existing personnel.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State Commissioner of Health, the Director of Human Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State 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 Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the Oklahoma Social Work Educators, the Oklahoma Nurses Association, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Office of the Department of Vocational and Technical Education, and the Oklahoma Municipal League.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of April, 1997.

President of the Senate