

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 58

By: Wilkerson of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

A Concurrent Resolution declaring June 1-7, 1998, as "Oklahoma Drug Court Week" in the State of Oklahoma; recognizing professionals who make drug courts work and the significant contributions drug courts make in reducing drug abuse and crime; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, drug courts bring together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and crime; and

WHEREAS, community-based drug courts that combine intensive judicial supervision, treatment, mandatory drug testing and escalating sanctions, are effectively breaking the cycle of drug addiction and drug related crimes; and

WHEREAS, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment professionals, law enforcement, corrections personnel, educators and community leaders dedicated to the drug courts have made a profound impact through hard work and commitment to communities; and

WHEREAS, treatment-based drug courts provide an opportunity for nonviolent substance abuse offenders to become productive tax paying citizens; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma was the first state in the nation to implement a state drug court initiative by a state agency, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; and

WHEREAS, the drug court movement continues to grow in Oklahoma with five courts operating, nineteen courts in various stages of planning, and other existing substance abuse programs authorized under the Oklahoma Drug Court Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares June 1-7, 1998, as "Oklahoma Drug Court Week" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the professionals who make drug courts work and the significant contributions drug courts and substance abuse programs make in reducing drug abuse and crime.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for distribution to the five drug courts now operating in the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 22nd day of April, 1998.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of May,
1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives