

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1085

By: Benson, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Begley, Benge, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd, Braddock, Bryant, Calvey, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Collins, Corn, Covey, Cox, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Frame, Gilbert, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Nations, Newport, Ostrander, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Reese, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Seikel, Sellers, Settle, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Stanley, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Sweeden, Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Weaver, Webb, Wells, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen and Wright of the House

and

Taylor of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing and commending Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Caring Foundation, Inc., for providing critical health-care-related services to children in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, one out of every four Oklahoma children lives in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's youngest children, those under five years of age, are the state's poorest; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics nearly 18% of children in Oklahoma have no public or private insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Health Department almost one in four Oklahoma children under the age of two is not fully immunized against catastrophic diseases; and

WHEREAS, every dollar spent on immunizations can save as much as \$29 in direct and indirect health care costs associated with these preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, since 1995 the Oklahoma Caring Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, has provided critical access to outpatient primary and preventive health care benefits for uninsured children under the age of 19 in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, in October 1999 the Oklahoma Caring Foundation established the Caring Van Program which is a mobile immunization unit, and has, since its inception, served approximately 790 children and administered nearly 2,130 vaccinations in the Tulsa vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Caring Foundation is continuing to give back to the people of Oklahoma by expanding its Caring Van Program service to the Oklahoma City area on April 26, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes and commends Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Caring Foundation for their dedication to the children of this state.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends its best wishes to the Oklahoma Caring Foundation that it may continue to successfully reach out to children in need of immunizations and other health care services.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Caring Foundation, Inc.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of April,  
2000.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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President of the Senate