

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1024

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A Resolution memorializing Congress to include Oklahoma Veterans in certain studies; thanking Veterans for their service to this state and nation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States and the great State of Oklahoma have always depended upon the courage and bravery of members of the Armed Forces to protect the freedom and liberties which are the rights of each and every citizen; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has more veterans per capita than any other state and sent more than 14,000 military personnel to the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, this great state has some of the finest military bases, including Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Fort Sill at Lawton, McAlester Army and Munition Depot, Camp Gruber in Braggs, Will Rogers Air National Guard Base in Oklahoma City, Altus Air Force Base, and the Tulsa Air National Guard Base; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is committed to providing care and services to all of our brave veterans in Veterans Centers that are located in

Ardmore, Claremore, Clinton, Norman, Sulphur, Talihina, and Okmulgee; and

WHEREAS, since the Gulf War, thousands of Gulf War veterans have suffered severely from a variety of complaints, but neither the cause nor single underlying disease process has yet to be identified; and

WHEREAS, since January 1, 1999, national studies have begun regarding treatment of veterans for their individual symptoms and ailments related to the Gulf War Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, while certain study sites across the nation have already been chosen, including Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma House of Representatives is committed to ensure that Oklahoma's veteran population be considered to participate in future studies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives memorializes Congress to encourage the United States Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to include our courageous Oklahoma Veterans in any future study that would benefit the health, safety, and well-being of those who so bravely served their state and nation.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives humbly thanks each and every veteran and all of those still serving to preserve the freedoms and liberties that we so proudly have and hold dear in our minds and hearts.

THAT the copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives