

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 62

By: Leftwich of the Senate

and

Lindley of the House

A Concurrent Resolution supporting reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and its advocacy provisions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act has successfully provided three services to America's vulnerable elderly for nearly 25 years: meals, information and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, some bills now in Congress undercut the role of advocacy by diluting or removing the State Elder Rights and Legal Assistance Development Chapter of Title VII of the Older Americans Act; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments to the Older Americans Act are contrary to the declaration of objectives in Title I of the Older Americans Act, which declares that older people of our nation are entitled to equal opportunity to enjoy certain basic objectives such as income, housing, and health care; and

WHEREAS, this declaration of national purpose is hollow without strong elder rights programs in every state; and

WHEREAS, the advocacy provisions of the Older Americans Act have provided older Oklahomans and their families with legal services, legal assistance for end-of-life planning, and legal information for grandparents raising grandchildren, to name just a few of the services.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports the reauthorization by Congress of the Older Americans Act, with the advocacy provisions intact and unchanged so that older Oklahomans can continue to benefit from a strong elder rights program.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 18th day of April,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives