

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 77

By: Rozell and Martin of the
Senate

and

Culver of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the Oklahoma Lupus Association; proclaiming Saturday, October 21, 2000, "Lupus Awareness Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, lupus is an autoimmune disease affecting one out of every 185 Americans. Between 1,400,000 and 2,000,000 people have been diagnosed with lupus. More than ninety percent of those diagnosed with lupus are women; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease which causes inflammation of various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood, and kidneys. For most people, lupus is a mild disease but for others, it may cause serious and even life-threatening problems. Thousands of Americans die each year from lupus-related complications. The source of lupus is unknown and the disease currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and current methods of therapy, 80-90 percent of those with lupus can look forward to a normal lifespan if they follow the instructions of their physician, take medications as prescribed, and know when to seek medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, in early 1996, the Lupus Registry and Repository was established to study not only people with lupus, but also their families in order to identify genes that determine susceptibility to the disease. The high prevalence of lupus among relatives of lupus patients suggests a genetic component for the disease. The Lupus Registry and Repository is located at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Oklahomans do not understand lupus, how widespread it is, or its ramifications for the health-care industry.

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 recognizes the Oklahoma Lupus Association's efforts to raise awareness of and research funds for lupus through the "Loop the Capitol for Lupus" campaign.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature proclaims Saturday, October 21, 2000, "Lupus Awareness Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ivan Holmes, Executive Director, Oklahoma Lupus Association, Inc. and the Lupus Registry and Repository at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of April, 2000.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2000.

Speaker of the House of Representatives