

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1070

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution expressing legislative support for use of a portion of the tobacco settlement money for the state's veterans centers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is expected to receive approximately Two Billion One Hundred Million Dollars (\$2,100,000,000.00) over the first twenty-five years of the tobacco master settlement agreement that the state entered into November 1998 with leading tobacco manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, many veterans became heavy smokers during their military service; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one-half of the patient population at veterans centers operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs have diagnoses related to respiratory ailments, many of which were caused by the use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma now has an opportunity to express its support for Oklahoma veterans by using a portion of the tobacco settlement monies for much needed capital improvements at the state's veterans centers; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs requests that the tobacco settlement be used to fund approximately Twelve Million Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$12,025,000.00) in much needed capital improvements at six veterans centers operated by the Department, some of which may be eligible for federal matching funds.

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 show its support for Oklahoma
veterans by using monies from the tobacco settlement for completion
of the requested capital improvements projects at the state's
veterans centers.

THAT a copy of the resolution be distributed to the Director of
the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs for distributions to
members of the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma and various
statewide organizations which represent veterans.

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