

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1045____

By: Wilt

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution urging parents of newborn babies to have their babies' hearing tested; and making a permanent record.

WHEREAS, every year nearly 24,000 babies are born in the United States with hearing impairments; and

WHEREAS, for those babies who are not screened for hearing loss at birth, the average age of identification of a hearing impairment for a baby is two and one-half to three years of age, well after the most critical period for language development has passed; and

WHEREAS, late identification of hearing impairments can result in articulation problems, speech problems or mild language delays; and

WHEREAS, research shows that infants identified at birth as having a hearing impairment have a greater opportunity to develop within the normal range of language comprehension, verbal expression and psychosocial development than children who have been later identified as having a hearing impairment; and

WHEREAS, early intervention for children with a hearing impairment or suspected language or speech delay is critical for a child to succeed.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges all parents of newborn babies to have their babies' hearing tested as soon as possible after birth.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the permanent journal of the House of Representatives of the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature.

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