

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 28

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution praising the Oklahoma Lions Clubs for the operation of a Mobile Screening Unit (MSU); welcoming the MSU to the Oklahoma State Capitol; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Lions Clubs are now operating a new Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) which is screening 2,000 people per month for hidden medical problems and directing MSU clients to professional medical help if needed. The MSU is a unique partnership including Lions Clubs, business, and academia; and

WHEREAS, the MSU cost more than \$160,000 which was paid for by the Oklahoma Lions Clubs, individual club members, the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, and a \$75,000 grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Daily operations, which cost \$75,000 annually, are paid for by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma. What differentiates the Oklahoma unit from the other 30 Lions' MSUs operating throughout the country is the follow-up program. If a visitor to the Lions' MSU in Oklahoma fails one of the five screenings, he or she is contacted by a research worker from Oklahoma State University to ascertain whether the visitor has sought medical advice. Freightliner Trucks of Oklahoma City and Tulsa provided the unit for one-third of the sticker price and donated a five-year warranty, free service, and free storage for the unit. OTC Truck Driving School of El Reno, Oklahoma, donates free training for the unit manager/driver; and

WHEREAS, the screening offered by the Lions' MSU is available free to the public throughout Oklahoma. Screening includes tests

for visual acuity, hearing, glaucoma, blood sugar, and blood pressure. The unit operates between 20 and 22 days each month, including being open during the State Fair. The MSU requires eight volunteers (Lions and medical personnel) working four- to five-hour shifts; and

WHEREAS, the Lions' Mobile Screening Unit will visit the State Capitol on Monday, May 3, 1999. It will be stationed on the sidewalk on the south side of the State Capitol from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Legislators and staff can be screened for blood sugar, blood pressure, visual acuity, hearing, and glaucoma without a charge for this service.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the concept and operation of the Lions' Mobile Screening Unit and everyone who has contributed to its success.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate welcomes the Lions' Mobile Screening Unit to the State Capitol and urges screening for all those who are able to take advantage of this free resource.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Lions' Mobile Screening Unit, Lions of Oklahoma, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, Freightliner Trucks, OTC Truck Driving School of El Reno, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State University.

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