

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1072

By: Gray of the House

and

Morgan and Hobson of the
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to support research and development funding for sensor and sensor-related technologies at Oklahoma State University; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, despite state budget shortfalls and funding challenges, the Second Session of the Forty-eighth Oklahoma Legislature and Governor Frank Keating have provided \$19 million in state funding to the comprehensive research institution at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, to further research in bioterrorism warfare detection and food safety; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has demonstrated its willingness to participate in helping to strengthen the nation's efforts to provide security in the homeland, protect the safety of food and develop new cost-effective techniques to detect harmful agents that may be weaponized for deployment against citizens of the United States and our troops at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, faculty scientists and researchers at Oklahoma State University are already working in a collaborative effort involving 41 faculty researchers at OSU with current program funding of \$17 million as well as working with multiple state and federal agencies and other higher education institutions in Oklahoma and elsewhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma State University has established a Center for Sensor and Sensor-Related Technologies and the Oklahoma Legislature

and Governor Frank Keating have provided \$19 million for the express purpose of upgrading biocontainment equipment and other laboratory equipment facilities to improve the ability to work with these agents in a safe environment and to make facilities and equipment available now to expedite competitiveness for federal, private and other research funds; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma recognizes the economic development benefits to research, inventions, patents and licenses authorized by the people of the state by their approval of State Questions 680 and 681 that will lead to stimulation of the economy and improved job opportunities and higher per capita incomes; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is now ranked 49 of 51 among states and territories in receipt of federal research and development funding per capita.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the United States Congress and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to aggressively support federal funding opportunities presented by the research grant applications submitted by the Oklahoma State University faculty to the various federal agencies and departments of the United States government.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 21st day of May,
2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate