

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 26

By: Taylor, Dunlap, Mickle, Smith,
Cain, Campbell, Capps, Coffee,
Crutchfield, Dickerson,
Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher,
Ford, Haney, Harrison, Helton,
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Martin, Milacek, Monson,
Morgan, Muegge, Nichols, Price,
Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,
Snyder, Stipe, Wilcoxson,
Wilkerson, Williams and
Williamson of the Senate

and

Adair, Morgan and Hilliard of
the House

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to
provide for more equitable funding for Indian Health
Service in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is one of twelve service regions designated by
the Indian Health Service for the delivery of federally funded
health care services to Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma service region has a greater population of
Native Americans than any other service region designated by the
Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma service region has consistently received
the lowest per capita funding by the Indian Health Service of any
service region; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma service region had Fifty Million Dollars
in contract health denials and deferrals in FY 2000; and

WHEREAS, the chronic underfunding of the Oklahoma region by the
Indian Health Service endangers the ability of the government of the
State of Oklahoma to fulfill its obligations with regard to the
delivery of health care services to the citizens of this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. THAT The Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the United States Congress to:

1. Take immediate action to correct the gross inequities of funding now existing between the various regions served by the Indian Health Service; and

2. Fund Indian Healthcare Improvement Act not less than Thirty Million Dollars for the Oklahoma area to be distributed by the Indian Health Service according to the Level of Need Funded methodology; and

3. Recognize the importance of Contract Health Services in fulfilling the mission of Indian Health Service and earmark not less than Twenty-five Million Dollars in additional Contract Health Dollars for the Oklahoma Area.

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

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of May, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives