

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1008

By: Lindley of the House

and

Cain of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending and applauding the accomplishments of Oklahoma's distinguished scientists; declaring the month of April 2003 as Genetics Month; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, April 25, 2003, marks the 50th anniversary of the first publication in scientific literature which revealed the novel features of the structure of the DNA molecule; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, many persons have attained increased knowledge about the important role that DNA and genetics perform in both the scientific and medical areas; and

WHEREAS, scientists in Oklahoma have been leaders in educating students and the public about the role of genetics and DNA in the areas of medical health and disease management; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma scientists through their distinguished scientific accomplishments have helped create new businesses thereby enhancing the state's economy and creating new job prospects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health in collaboration with the Oklahoma Genetics Advisory Council has developed a state plan for improving genetic services and educating Oklahomans about the plan; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Oklahomans to be aware of this state plan as well as applaud the accomplishments of Oklahoma's finest scientists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends and applauds the
accomplishments of Oklahoma's distinguished scientists who have
blazed new trails in science to bring about a greater understanding
on the complex structure of the DNA molecule and the important field
of genetics.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature declares the month of April 2003
as Genetics Month.

THAT copies of this Resolution be distributed to the
Commissioner of Health, Leslie Beitsch, M.D., and each member of the
Oklahoma Genetics Advisory Council.

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