ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1036

By: Dorman, Adkins, Armes, Askins, Auffet, Balkman, Banz, Benge, Billy, Bingman, Blackburn, Blackwell, Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Calvey, Carey, Cargill, Case, Coody, Cooksey, Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney, DePue, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Duncan, Eddins, Ellis, Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hastings, Hickman, Hiett, Hilliard, Hyman, Ingmire, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Kern, Kiesel, Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Liotta, Martin, Mass, McCarter, McDaniel, McMullen, McPeak, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ken), Miller (Ray), Morgan (Danny), Morgan (Fred), Morrissette, Nance, Nations, Newport, Perry, Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron), Piatt, Plunk, Pruett, Reynolds, Richardson, Roan, Roggow, Rousselot, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smaligo, Smithson, Staggs, Steele, Sullivan, Sweeden, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs, Toure, Trebilcock, Turner, Walker, Wesselhoft, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young

A Resolution commending Prevent Blindness Oklahoma; encouraging attendance at Flight for Sight; declaring April 29, 2005, Blindness Prevention Day in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the sense of sight is precious and preserving healthy eyesight is important to the well-being of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million Americans age 40 and older have glaucoma and every hour someone goes blind from this disease; and

WHEREAS, 3.3 million Americans age 40 and older are blind or have poor vision, a number that is expected to increase as America's population ages; and

WHEREAS, children are not immune from debilitating vision loss and are at risk for blindness due to complications caused by premature birth, sports injuries, and injuries caused by dangerous toys, household cleansing products, and other common household objects; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Gore, Oklahoma's first U.S. Senator, was blinded as a child, one of many great Oklahomans who have overcome this adversity; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Blindness Oklahoma is dedicated to combating these alarming facts by providing services, education and research that promote healthy vision; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Blindness Oklahoma, established in 1965, provides sight-saving programs in all 77 counties in Oklahoma through a statewide network of dedicated staff and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, this wonderful organization has been instrumental in formulating screening programs that have been used throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, through its fundraising activities, such as Flight for Sight, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary Friday, April 29, 2005, Prevent Blindness Oklahoma has successfully raised more money per capita than any other affiliate of Prevent Blindness America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT Prevent Blindness Oklahoma is hereby commended for its peerless work in battling blindness in this state.

THAT the citizens of this state are hereby encouraged to attend Flight for Sight at the Downtown Airpark in Oklahoma City on Friday, April 29, 2005, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight, sponsored by Prevent Blindness Oklahoma.

THAT April 29, 2005, is hereby declared to be Blindness Prevention Day in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to Jenee Lister, President of the Executive Committee for Prevent Blindness Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives