

3 Senate Joint  
4 Resolution No. 60  
5 As Amended

6 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60 - By: BASS of the Senate and DORMAN  
7 of the House.

8 [ constitutional amendment - providing homestead exemption -  
9 ballot title - filing ]

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
13 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
14 the following proposed amendment to Section 8E of Article X of the  
15 Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

16 A. Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1,  
17 2006, each head of household who has been honorably discharged from  
18 active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United  
19 States or Oklahoma National Guard and who has been certified by the  
20 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to  
21 have a one hundred percent (100%) permanent disability sustained  
22 through military action or accident or resulting from disease  
23 contracted while in such active service or the surviving spouse of

1 such head of household shall be entitled to claim an exemption for  
2 the full amount of the fair cash value of the homestead.

3 B. Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1,  
4 2007, each head of household who has been honorably discharged from  
5 active military service and who has been certified by the Armed  
6 Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard to have  
7 served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operations during a  
8 period of war shall be entitled to claim an exemption equal to  
9 fifteen percent (15%) of the fair cash value of the homestead, not  
10 to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). For purposes of  
11 this subsection, "period of war" means the Spanish-American War; the  
12 Mexican border period; World War I; World War II; the hostilities  
13 known as the Korean War, which commenced June 27, 1950, and ended  
14 January 31, 1955; the hostilities known as the Vietnam War, which  
15 commenced December 22, 1961, and ended May 7, 1975; the hostilities  
16 known as the Persian Gulf Conflict, which commenced August 2, 1990;  
17 and the hostilities known as the war on terrorism, including the  
18 hostilities in Afghanistan and Iraq, which commenced September 11,  
19 2001.

20 C. In order to be eligible for the exemption authorized by this  
21 section, the individual shall be required to prove residency within  
22 the State of Oklahoma and must have previously qualified for the

1 homestead exemption authorized by law or be eligible for the  
2 homestead exemption pursuant to law.

3 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional  
4 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in  
5 the following form:

6 BALLOT TITLE  
7 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

8 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

9 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends  
10 Section 8E in Article 10. Homesteads are taxed for property tax  
11 purposes. This measure would create an exemption from that tax.  
12 The exemption would be for certain veterans who have served  
13 during a period of war. The exemption would be for fifteen  
14 percent of the fair cash value of the homestead. That amount  
15 could not be more than fifteen thousand dollars. A "period of  
16 war" is defined as the Spanish-American War, the Mexican border  
17 period and World Wars I and II. "Period of war" also includes  
18 hostilities in certain parts of the world. It includes certain  
19 time periods in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan  
20 and Iraq.

21 SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

22  YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

23  NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

1           SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
2 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
3 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2  
4 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
5 General.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, dated 2-21-06 - DO PASS,  
7 As Amended and Coauthored.