

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1036

By: Lindley of the House

and

Bass and Leftwich of the
Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the hardships created by current federal law on veteran benefits; memorializing the Oklahoma Congressional delegation to support legislation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, at times of this country's greatest needs, men and women have continually and loyally answered the call to duty and served this nation; and

WHEREAS, in answering a call to service, families were left behind and faced the stark realization that their soldier fighting for freedom would not return or in some instances return, but with severe disabilities; and

WHEREAS, current law exists in Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the United States Code that attempts to compensate families that endured such an unfortunate fate; however, there are burdensome stipulations that can cause families great hardships. A one-hundred-percent service-connected continuous disability for ten years must be established before any benefits are paid out to their dependents upon the veteran's death unless the cause of death was service-connected; and

WHEREAS, this nation has thousands of widows and current spouses that dedicated their lives to taking care of the home and the

1 family, as well as, the returning soldier that would now need
2 continued care for as many as fifty years. These families are
3 facing mounting hardships as a result of the lack of compensation
4 paid that result from these unworkable stipulations.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
7 CONCURRING THEREIN:

8 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes those families in this
9 state that are struggling not only with the day-to-day care of their
10 loved one, but the additional hardship of managing the household
11 with either limited or no access to the benefits designed to help
12 them.

13 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature memorializes the members of
14 Congress to either sponsor or support current legislation that would
15 amend the current law in a fashion that creates workable criteria to
16 allow veterans and their families to access the support they so
17 deserve.

18 THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Oklahoma
19 Congressional delegation, the Oklahoma Veterans Council, the
20 American Legion, the Disabled Americans Veterans organization,
21 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs,
22 Korean War Veterans Association, The Chosen Few organization, and
23 Mattie Cox.

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