

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1067

By: Dank, Adkins, Armes, Auffet, Banz,
Benge, BigHorse, Billy, Blackwell,
Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Cannaday,
Carey, Cargill, Collins, Coody,
Cooksey, Covey, Cox, Denney, Derby,
DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Ellis, Enns,
Faught, Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton,
Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Hoskin,
Hyman, Ingmire, Inman, Jackson, Jett,
Johnson (Dennis), Johnson (Rob), Jones,
Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel,
Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Luttrell,
Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve),
McAffrey, McCarter, McCullough,
McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy),
McMullen, McNiell, McPeak, Miller,
Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations,
Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron),
Piatt, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett,
Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Roan,
Rousselot, Schwartz, Sears, Shannon,
Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate,
Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill,
Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock,
Turner, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft,
Winchester, Worthen and Wright of the
House

16 and

17 Lamb of the Senate

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21 A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 2008 as
22 Autism Awareness Month; and directing distribution.
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1 WHEREAS, autism is a severe developmental disorder that begins
2 at birth or within the first two-and-a-half years of life; and

3 WHEREAS, autism is characterized by impaired social interaction,
4 problems with verbal and nonverbal communication, and unusual,
5 repetitive, or severely limited activities and interests; and

6 WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder
7 affecting the functioning of the brain, but few members of the
8 general public understand this complex syndrome; and

9 WHEREAS, for many years autism was rare – occurring in just five
10 children per 10,000 live births. However, since the early 1990s,
11 the rate of autism has increased dramatically; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
13 reported that one in 150 children is diagnosed with autism; and

14 WHEREAS, males are four times more likely to have autism than
15 females; and

16 WHEREAS, although a cure for autism has not been found,
17 accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education
18 and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of
19 the individual; and

20 WHEREAS, many groups, such as the Oklahoma Autism Network, Tulsa
21 Autism Foundation, Edmond Family Center for Autism, the Central
22 Oklahoma Chapter of the Autism Society of America, and the Canadian
23 Valley Autism Support Group have dedicated their service to advocate

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1 for the rights, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all
2 persons with autism; and

3 WHEREAS, these groups remain committed to their cause and to
4 educating families, professionals, and the general public to better
5 understand this lifelong disability; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a rapidly increasing need for adequate funding
7 of programs to assist those families who have an autistic child; and

8 WHEREAS, there is also a need to adequately fund autism-
9 awareness programs in the State of Oklahoma.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
12 CONCURRING THEREIN:

13 THAT the month of April 2008 is declared Autism Awareness Month
14 in the State of Oklahoma.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
16 Autism Network, Tulsa Autism Foundation, Edmond Family Center for
17 Autism, the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Autism Society of
18 America, and the Canadian Valley Autism Support Group.

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