

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1078

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Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Luttrell,
Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve),
McAffrey, McCarter, McCullough,
McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy),
McMullen, McNiel, McPeak, Miller,
Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations,
Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron),
Piatt, 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

and

Eason McIntyre of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 29, 2008, to
be Infant Mortality Awareness Day; expressing support
for Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative/Healthy
Babies Begin Before Birth, a service site of Community Health

1 Centers Incorporated/dba Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center, has
2 been designed by the National Healthy Start Association to reduce
3 the incidence of infant mortality; and

4 WHEREAS, Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative is increasing
5 community awareness of the high rates of infant deaths in Oklahoma
6 County; and

7 WHEREAS, Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative in Oklahoma
8 City, Oklahoma, is one of nearly 100 federal Healthy Start Projects
9 Nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, each year approximately 400 babies born in Oklahoma
11 County do not live to see their first birthday; and

12 WHEREAS, the infant mortality rate for the State of Oklahoma in
13 2005 was 8.0 and the infant mortality rate for Oklahoma County was
14 9.7 per 1,000 live births; and

15 WHEREAS, the African-American infant mortality for the State of
16 Oklahoma in 2005 was 15.2 and the infant mortality rate in Oklahoma
17 County was 17.4 per 1,000 live births; and

18 WHEREAS, Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative infant
19 mortality rate in the service area decreased from 12.5 in 2004 to
20 11.26 per 1,000 live births; and

21 WHEREAS, African-American babies are twice as likely to be born
22 with low birth weight or twice as likely to die in their first year
23 of life as other babies, and the infant mortality rate was highest
24 for African-American families in 2005; and

1 WHEREAS, Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative decreased low
2 birth weight births from a rate of 9.78 in 2004 to 9.53 in 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, the Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative program
4 provides direct outreach and recruitment, care management, health
5 education, depression screenings and referral services, and
6 interconceptual continuity for care through the second year of an
7 infant's life in the service area; and

8 WHEREAS, the Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative program
9 focuses on: early entry into prenatal care; adequate health care for
10 women, infants, children, and families; fully immunized toddlers;
11 nutrition; Sooner Care access; involvement of fathers; family
12 advocacy; and healthy families.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
15 CONCURRING THEREIN:

16 THAT April 29, 2008, is hereby declared Infant Mortality
17 Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma.

18 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports healthy
19 start initiatives that give all babies a chance for a healthy life
20 and that improve the health and well-being of women, infants,
21 children, and their families.

22 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
23 State Secretary of Health, Mrs. Rosalyn Johnson, Chief Executive
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1 Officer of Community Health Centers, and LaWanna Porter, the Program
2 Coordinator of the Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Program.

3 Adopted by the House of Representatives the 29th day of April,
4 2008.

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7 Presiding Officer of the House of
8 Representatives

9 Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2008.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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