

ENROLLED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
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, McNiel, 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

and

Gumm, Lamb, Jolley, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ford, Garrison, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Justice, Laster, Laughlin, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Rabon, Reynolds, Rice, Riley, Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 2008 as  
Autism Awareness Month; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, autism is a severe developmental disorder that begins at birth or within the first two-and-a-half years of life; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, many groups, such as the Oklahoma Autism Network, Tulsa Autism Foundation, Edmond Family Center for Autism, the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Autism Society of America, and the Canadian Valley Autism Support Group have dedicated their service to advocate for the rights, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with autism; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 31st day of March, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of May, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate