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1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Monday, February 25, 2008

3 Senate Joint
4 Resolution No. 41

5 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41 - By: CRAIN and JOHNSON (Constance)
6 of the Senate and COX of the House.

7 A Joint Resolution requiring the State Board of Health to
8 prepare a state health improvement plan; and directing
9 distribution.

10 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has the eighth highest rate of diabetes in the
11 nation; and

12 WHEREAS, one out of four Oklahomans smokes; and

13 WHEREAS, the state ranks eighth in the nation for its rate of
14 obesity; and

15 WHEREAS, only five other states in the nation have lower
16 physical activity rates; and

17 WHEREAS, 20% of Oklahoma children ages nineteen (19) to thirty-
18 five (35) months do not receive recommended immunizations; and

19 WHEREAS, 30% of women in Oklahoma do not receive adequate
20 prenatal care; and

21 WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks 43rd in the nation for its rate of
22 cancer deaths; and

23 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has the highest rate of cardiovascular deaths
24 in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, the United Health Foundation ranked Oklahoma 47th in
2 the nation for overall health in 2007, down from 42nd in the nation
3 in 2000 and 31st in the nation in 1990.

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

6 SECTION 1. The State Board of Health shall prepare and return
7 to the Legislature a health improvement plan for Oklahoma for the
8 general improvement of the physical, social, and mental well-being
9 of all people in Oklahoma through a high functioning public health
10 system.

11 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall distribute copies of
12 this resolution to the members of the State Board of Health.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES, dated
14 2-21-08 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.