

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1033

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7 A Resolution commending President George W. Bush and
8 members of Congress for efforts to derive stem cells
9 by nondestructive means; expressing appreciation for
10 President's leadership; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, millions of Americans suffer from diseases that may
13 eventually be treated more effectively or even cured with stem
14 cells; and

15 WHEREAS, stem cell research in general has been hampered by the
16 ethical controversy over embryonic stem cells which are presently
17 derived in a process resulting in the destruction of the human
18 embryo; and

19 WHEREAS, embryonic stem cell research in particular has been
20 hampered by difficulties in manipulating embryonic stem cells in the
21 laboratory and by the tendency of embryonic stem cells to form
22 tumors; and

1 WHEREAS, stem cells are widely available from sources other than
2 the human embryo and by processes which do not result in the
3 destruction of human embryonic life; and

4 WHEREAS, the umbilical cord, placenta, amniotic fluid, and adult
5 tissue are rich in stem cells which may be used for scientific
6 research and medical treatment without destroying human life at any
7 stage of development; and

8 WHEREAS, nondestructive stem cell research using stem cells from
9 adult tissue and postnatal tissue and fluid has already resulted in
10 treatments for anemia, leukemia, lymphoma, Krabbe's disease, and
11 sickle cell disease; and

12 WHEREAS, stem cell therapies from adult tissue and postnatal
13 tissue and fluid are in clinical trials for multiple sclerosis,
14 Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and spinal cord
15 injury; and

16 WHEREAS, stem cell therapies from nondestructive stem cell
17 research are being studied for diseases as wide-ranging and diverse
18 as corneal degeneration, heart disease, stroke, muscular dystrophy,
19 and Parkinson's disease; and

20 WHEREAS, stem cells have recently been derived from prenatal
21 amniotic fluid collected in routine amniocentesis testing without
22 destruction of human embryonic life; and

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1 WHEREAS, stem cells from prenatal amniotic fluid have been shown
2 to possess the approximate pluripotentiality of embryonic stem cells
3 without the associated risk of tumor formation; and

4 WHEREAS, destructive stem cell research using embryonic stem
5 cells has failed to yield any effective cures or treatments.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the
9 President of the United States and members of Congress of both
10 parties who are undertaking principled efforts to develop and
11 enhance current and near-term treatments and cures using stem cells
12 derived by nondestructive means.

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses
14 appreciation for the leadership of the President in his promotion of
15 ethical research that will save lives.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the
17 United States, the President of the United States Senate and the
18 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

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