

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 93

By: Johnson (Constance) of the  
Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing May 30 and 31 as  
11 "Power to End Stroke Gospel Fest Days" in Oklahoma;  
and directing distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the  
15 United States, killing over 150,000 Americans and 2,200 Oklahomans  
16 each year. Stroke is also a leading cause of serious long-term  
17 disability, with more than 1.1 million American adults yearly  
18 experiencing functional limitations and difficulty with activities  
19 of daily living as a result of a stroke; and

20 WHEREAS, fewer than one in five adults can correctly classify  
21 all stroke symptoms and warnings, including sudden numbness or  
22 weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the  
23 body; confusion; trouble speaking or understanding; trouble seeing

1 in one or both eyes; trouble walking; dizziness; loss of balance or  
2 coordination; and severe headache with no known cause; and

3 WHEREAS, African Americans are twice as likely to suffer a  
4 stroke as Caucasians and are more likely to die from a stroke. The  
5 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association has created  
6 the Power to End Stroke program, a campaign aimed at educating  
7 African Americans about the risks and warning signs of stroke; and

8 WHEREAS, as part of the Power to End Stroke campaign, the  
9 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association has launched  
10 Gospel Fest, a national tour hosted by Dr. Bobby Jones, host of  
11 "Bobby Jones Gospel" on Black Entertainment Television (BET).  
12 Gospel Fest participants can receive free health screenings and  
13 information as well as be inspired by gospel music from choirs,  
14 soloists and instrumentalists, the spoken word, gospel rap, praise  
15 dancers, and other gospel talent from across the state; and

16 WHEREAS, May is recognized as American Stroke Month. The  
17 nationwide Power to End Stroke Gospel Fest Tour comes to Oklahoma  
18 during the month of May and will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 30,  
19 2008, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on May 31, 2008.

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

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1        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes May 30 and 31,  
2 2008, as "Power to End Stroke Gospel Fest Days" in the State of  
3 Oklahoma.

4        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the American  
5 Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

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