

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1034

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Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey,  
Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey,  
Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt,  
Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields,  
Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman,  
Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman,  
Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan,  
Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby,  
Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell,  
Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve),  
McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel  
(Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McMullen,  
McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan,  
Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson,  
Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters,  
Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruet,   
Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze,  
Roan, Rousselot, Sanders, Schwartz,  
Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton,  
Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson,  
Steele, Sullivan, Thompson, Thomsen,  
Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson,  
Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold)  
and Wright (John) of the House

and

Nichols of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to public health and  
safety; proclaiming the month of May as Lupus  
Awareness Month; urging citizens to join with the  
Oklahoma Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America  
in supporting programs of research, education, and  
community service.

1       WHEREAS, each year, the Lupus Foundation of America designates  
2 May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the  
3 estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus; and

4       WHEREAS, lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in  
5 which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and  
6 tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body; and

7       WHEREAS, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the  
8 skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain. No organ is spared. The  
9 disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages,  
10 and organ failure; and

11       WHEREAS, while lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age,  
12 no one is safe from lupus. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos,  
13 Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to  
14 develop lupus, a disparity that remains unexplained; and

15       WHEREAS, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because  
16 its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major  
17 gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus.  
18 More than half of all people with lupus take four or more years and  
19 visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis;  
20 and

21       WHEREAS, there have been no new drugs approved by the U.S. Food  
22 and Drug Administration specifically for lupus in fifty years, and  
23 current treatments for the disease can have damaging side effects;  
24 and

1 WHEREAS, 25,000 Oklahomans are affected by lupus.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
4 CONCURRING THEREIN:

5 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims the month of May as  
6 Lupus Awareness Month in Oklahoma.

7 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges each of our citizens to  
8 observe this month by educating themselves on the symptoms and  
9 impact of lupus and join with the Oklahoma Chapter of the Lupus  
10 Foundation of America in supporting programs of research, education,  
11 and community service.

12 Adopted by the House of Representatives the 11th day of May,  
13 2009.

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17 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

18 Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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