

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1064

By: Tibbs, Armes, Auffet, Bailey,
Banz, Benge, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon,
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), McNiel,
McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan,
Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson,
Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters,
Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruet,
Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze,
Roan, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders,
Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon,
Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate,
Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill,
Thompson, Thomsen, Trebilcock, Walker,
Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright
(Harold) and Wright (John) of the House

and

Marlatt of the Senate

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20 A Concurrent Resolution designating November 2010 as
21 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; and directing
22 distribution.
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1 WHEREAS, in 2009, over 42,000 people were diagnosed with
2 pancreatic cancer in the United States and over 35,000 died from the
3 disease; and

4 WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and
5 the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, 76 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the
7 first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer
8 patients die within the first five years; and

9 WHEREAS, incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50
10 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

11 WHEREAS, approximately 380 deaths occurred in the State of
12 Oklahoma as a result of pancreatic cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have
14 been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 30
15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves,
17 it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average
18 life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only
19 three to six months; and

20 WHEREAS, the federal government invests less money in pancreatic
21 cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer
22 killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes less than 2
23 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding,
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1 a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its
2 mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

3 WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and
4 only national patient advocacy organization that serves the
5 pancreatic cancer community in the State of Oklahoma and nationwide
6 by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient
7 services, and public awareness and education related to developing
8 effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates
10 in the State of Oklahoma support those patients currently battling
11 pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the
12 disease, and are committed to nothing else than a cure.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
15 CONCURRING THEREIN:

16 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates the month of November
17 2010 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of
18 Oklahoma.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jay Stern,
20 Oklahoma Affiliate Coordinator of the Pancreatic Cancer Action
21 Network.

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