

ENROLLED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
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), McNiell, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, 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, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Halligan, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution designating November 2010 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 2009, over 42,000 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and over 35,000 died from the disease; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in the State of Oklahoma and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient

services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 10th day of May,  
2010.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of May, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate