

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 4, 2010

**House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1064**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1064 - By: TIBBS of the House.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates the month of November 2010 as
21 “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the State of Oklahoma.

- 1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jay Stern, Oklahoma Affiliate
- 2 Coordinator of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.
- 3 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.