

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 22, 2010

ENGROSSED

Senate Concurrent
Resolution No. 46

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46 - By: LEFTWICH, 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, LERBLANCE, MARLATT, MAZZEI, MYERS, NEWBERRY, NICHOLS, PADDACK, REYNOLDS, RICE, RUSSELL, SCHULZ, SPARKS, STANISLAWSKI, SWEEDEN, SYKES, WILSON AND WYRICK of the Senate and DENNEY of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing March 2010 as “National Colon Cancer Awareness Month” in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men
2 and women in Oklahoma and the United States. Colon cancer is the third most common
3 cancer in Oklahoma. It is estimated that in 2009 physicians diagnosed almost 147,000
4 new cases of colon cancer in the United States. The disease is suspected to have killed
5 almost 50,000 individuals in the United States in 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, if everyone 50 years of age or older would have regular colon cancer
7 screening tests, at least one-third of colon cancer deaths could be prevented each year

1 because of early detection and treatment. Only half of people aged 50 and older, when
2 screening is recommended, have received the recommended tests; and

3 WHEREAS, regular screening tests detect colon polyps before they become
4 cancerous, saving lives. When detected early, colon cancer is often preventable and can
5 be successfully treated more than 90% of the time; and

6 WHEREAS, state governments have a leadership role to play in fighting colon
7 cancer through public education and improved awareness of early detection through
8 screening.

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

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes March 2010 as “National Colon
13 Cancer Awareness Month” in the State of Oklahoma.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Chapter of the
15 American Cancer Society.

16 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.