

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 71

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution establishing a Veterans Awareness
8 day; and providing for codification.

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10 WHEREAS, there are approximately a third of a million veterans
11 currently residing in Oklahoma. The U.S. Department of Veterans
12 Affairs (VA) expends over \$1.5 billion annually in Oklahoma. There
13 are over 77,000 veterans receiving disability compensation or
14 pension payments in Oklahoma; and

15 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Veterans State Homes operate in Norman,
16 Ardmore, Claremore, Talihina, Clinton, Sulphur, and Lawton,
17 Oklahoma. The federal Department of Veterans Affairs operates
18 hospitals in Muskogee and Oklahoma City with outpatient facilities
19 in Ardmore, Blackwell, Konawa, Fort Sill, Hartshorne, and Tulsa; and

20 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma veteran is a vital portion of both the
21 community and economy of Oklahoma and for that reason the Oklahoma
22 State Legislature desires to permanently establish a Veterans
23 Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma to honor veterans, for
24 elected officials to become more informed of the deeds and needs of

1 the Oklahoma veteran, and for the public to more fully appreciate
2 the service and sacrifice of the Oklahoma veteran.

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

5 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 90.20 of Title 25, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The Oklahoma State Legislature designates April 9 as Veterans
9 Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma.

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