

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 73

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution congratulating the University of
9 Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and the Oklahoma
10 Medical Research Foundation for their successful
11 application and selection to receive twelve health
12 research awards; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and
14 Technology (OCAST) recently approved \$1,227,053 for eight health
15 research grants to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
16 (OUHSC), and \$540,000 for four grants to the Oklahoma Medical
17 Research Foundation(OMRF); and

18 WHEREAS, OCAST was founded by the Legislature in 1987 to foster
19 innovation in existing and developing businesses in Oklahoma. A
20 group of OCAST scientists evaluated and related each entry, and
21 awarded funding to the top 23 out of 152 health research proposals
22 and 50 new scientists proposals; and

23 WHEREAS, OCAST created the new scientist award to attract new
24 scientists to Oklahoma and to reward new scientists already in

1 Oklahoma for their outstanding accomplishments. Many of the
2 researchers are past funding recipients of OCAST's Health Research
3 program; and

4 WHEREAS, such significant funding will further empower OUHSC and
5 OMRF to continue conducting cutting edge research into life saving
6 health strategies and solutions, and will continue to achieve the
7 OCAST mission with regard to business development in Oklahoma.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
9 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the University of
11 Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and the Oklahoma Medical Research
12 Foundation upon the occasion of their successful application and
13 selection, pursuant to stringent OCAST standards, to receive twelve
14 health research awards.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to David L. Boren,
16 President, University of Oklahoma; Joseph J. Ferretti, Ph.D., Senior
17 Vice President and Provost, OU Health Sciences Center; and Stephen
18 M. Prescott, M.D., President, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

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