

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 29

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Schulz, Sharp, Shaw,
Shortey, Silk, Smalley,
Sparks, Standridge,
Stanislawski, Sykes,
Thompson, Treat, Wyrick,
and Yen of the Senate

11 and

12 Roberts (Dustin) of the
13 House

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15 A Concurrent Resolution showing Oklahoma legislative
16 support for the Toxic Exposure Act of 2015;
17 encouraging members of the Congressional Delegation
18 to join as cosponsors on the bill; urging the United
19 States Congress to pass and asking the United States
20 President to sign Senate Bill No. S.901 into law; and
directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, millions of Americans have served our great nation over
22 the years in the Armed Forces of the United States and during their
23 service may have been unknowingly exposed to toxins with unknown
24 consequences; and

1 WHEREAS, many children and grandchildren of our veterans are
2 born with both structural and nonstructural birth defects, possibly
3 stemming from their parent's Armed Forces service; and

4 WHEREAS, birth anomalies in the children of veterans are not
5 tracked as most birth defects are and as a result are not reported
6 or researched; and

7 WHEREAS, most states that have birth defect registries do not
8 report to a national registry. Miscarriages and stillbirths are
9 seldom researched for cause. Furthermore, even death and defects at
10 military hospitals relating to the children of dependents are not
11 tracked or put into a central registry; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of
13 Defense have been documenting toxic exposures and possible
14 exposures. Senate Bill No. S.901 will allow the Secretary of
15 Defense and the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs Administration to
16 share data regarding toxic exposures; and

17 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. S.901 would create a national center
18 within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the research,
19 diagnosis, and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of
20 veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service in the
21 Armed Forces.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
23 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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THAT the Oklahoma Legislature respectfully encourages members of the Congressional Delegation to join as cosponsors on the bill, urges the United States Congress to pass, and asks the United States President to sign Senate Bill No. S.901.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President and Vice President of the United States, as well as to the members of the United States Congress.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives