

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 29

7 By: Simpson, Allen, Anderson,
8 Barrington, Bass, Bice,
9 Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen,
10 Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,
11 Crain, Dahm, David, Fields,
12 Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison,
13 Griffin, Halligan, Holt,
14 Jech, Jolley, Justice,
15 Loveless, Marlatt,
16 Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry,
17 Paddack, Pittman, Quinn,
18 Schulz, Sharp, Shaw,
19 Shortey, Silk, Smalley,
20 Sparks, Standridge,
21 Stanislawski, Sykes,
22 Thompson, Treat, Wyrick,
23 and Yen of the Senate

24 and

Roberts (Dustin) of the
House

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

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

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

8 WHEREAS, birth anomalies in the children of veterans are not
9 tracked as most birth defects are and as a result are not reported
10 or researched; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of
17 Defense have been documenting toxic exposures and possible
18 exposures. Senate Bill No. S.901 will allow the Secretary of
19 Defense and the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs Administration to
20 share data regarding toxic exposures; and

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

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

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