

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 27

By: Simpson of the Senate

5 and

6 Roberts (Dustin) of the
7 House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution showing Oklahoma legislative
11 support for the Toxic Exposure Act of 2015;
12 encouraging members of the Congressional Delegation
13 to join as co-sponsors on the bill; urging the United
14 States Congress to pass, and asking the United States
15 President to sign, Senate Bill S.901 into law; and
16 directing distribution.

17 WHEREAS, millions have served our great nation over the years in
18 the Armed Forces of the United States and during their service may
19 have been unknowingly exposed to toxins with unknown consequences,
20 thus causing suffering from the harmful effects of these toxins; and

21 WHEREAS, many children and grandchildren of our veterans are
22 born with both structural and nonstructural defects, resulting in
23 some being accepted by the United States Department of Veterans
24 Affairs for exposures stemming from his or her parent's Armed Forces
service; and

1 WHEREAS, birth anomalies in the children of veterans are not
2 tracked as normal birth defects, so most are not reported, explained
3 or researched. The anomalies have some similarities but primarily
4 follow unreported and under-researched avenues; and

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

11 WHEREAS, both the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
12 and Department of Defense have been tracking toxic exposures and
13 possible exposures without follow-up research on the veterans and
14 their offspring; these bills would require the Secretary of Defense
15 and the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs Administration to share
16 data regarding toxic exposures; and

17 WHEREAS, Senate S.901 and H.R. 1769 would create a national
18 center within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the research
19 and the diagnosis treatment of health conditions of the descendants
20 of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed
21 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:

1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature respectfully encourages members of
2 the Congressional Delegation to join as cosponsors on the bill,
3 urges the United States Congress to pass, and asks the United States
4 President to sign, Senate Bill S.901.

5 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature transmit copies of this resolution
6 to the President and Vice President of the United States, as well as
7 to the members of the United States Congress.

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