

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1003

By: Kannady of the House

and

Rosino of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution mourning the loss of
11 Oklahomans due to COVID-19; expressing condolences to
12 those who have lost friends and family and asking for
13 prayers on behalf of all Oklahomans impacted by the
14 pandemic.

15 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's first major public health challenge occurred
16 just 11 years after statehood, in 1918, with the outbreak of the
17 state's first cases of what was commonly called the Spanish

18 influenza, a pandemic that had already been rampant in Europe; and

19 WHEREAS, between October 1, 1918, and April 1, 1919, a reported
20 7,350 Oklahomans died of Spanish influenza and related secondary
21 infections; and

22 WHEREAS, just over 100 years later on March 6, 2020, Oklahoma
23 once again was impacted by a global pandemic, with the state's first
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1 case of COVID-19 announced by Governor Kevin Stitt, the Oklahoma
2 State Department of Health and the Tulsa Health Department; and

3 WHEREAS, the state's first COVID-19 death occurred on March 18,
4 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, nearly three years later, the death toll has approached
6 nearly 18,000 Oklahoma parents, grandparents, children, friends and
7 co-workers.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 OF THE 1st SESSION OF THE 59th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
10 CONCURRING THEREIN;

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature joins the citizens of this state
12 in mourning those lives lost.

13 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expresses its deepest condolences
14 to all who have lost friends and loved ones.

15 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature asks for continuing prayers for
16 all who have been impacted by the pandemic.

17 Adopted by the House of Representatives the 6th day of March,
18 2023.

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20 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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