

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 29

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 cosponsors on the bill; urging the United  
14 States Congress to pass and asking the United States  
15 President to sign Senate Bill No. S.901 into law; and  
16 directing distribution.

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

21 WHEREAS, many children and grandchildren of our veterans are  
22 born with both structural and nonstructural birth defects, possibly  
23 stemming from their parent's Armed Forces service; and  
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1       WHEREAS, birth anomalies in the children of veterans are not  
2 tracked as most birth defects are and as a result are not reported  
3 or researched; and

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

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

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

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
20 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

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