

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 29

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Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,  
Crain, Dahm, David, Fields,  
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Griffin, Halligan, Holt,  
Jech, Jolley, Justice,  
Loveless, Marlatt,  
Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry,  
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Schulz, Sharp, Shaw,  
Shortey, Silk, Smalley,  
Sparks, Standridge,  
Stanislowski, 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  
21 directing distribution.

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

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 No. S.901.

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

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

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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12        Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
13 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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