

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

6  
7  
8  
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  
24

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  
18 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

19

20

21

22

23

24