

ENROLLED SENATE

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A Resolution commending the hundreds of out-of-state volunteers who have risked life and limb to aid with search, rescue and relief efforts stemming from the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

WHEREAS, the depth of human kindness is often illustrated in our society's darkest and most desperate hours; and

WHEREAS, a senseless act of terrorism in Oklahoma City served as the catalyst that tapped the very conscience of our nation, leading to an unprecedented outpouring of support from friends and strangers from afar; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of people, many with no personal or professional tie to Oklahoma, put their lives on hold indefinitely and raced to Oklahoma City to offer their assistance in the wake of our state's tragedy; and

WHEREAS, at great personal risk to themselves, these volunteers spent countless hours on the front lines of the relief efforts, searching for survivors, clearing debris, donating resources and offering prayers and moral support to all Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, although this senseless act of terrorism tested our faith in humankind, the selfless, unflagging support offered by the visiting volunteers provided great comfort to Oklahoma, restoring faith in our country and reminding us that good will always triumph over evil; and

WHEREAS, even though we can never truly repay our debt of gratitude, we can assure those heroes that no passage of time will erode the memories of the courage and sacrifice displayed by them in Oklahoma City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby commends the hundreds of out-of-state volunteers who have risked life and limb to aid with search, rescue and relief efforts stemming from the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of May, 1995.

President of the Senate