

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 19 By: Hendrick, Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Monson, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution declaring Thursday, May 4, 1995, as a Day of Prayer throughout the State of Oklahoma; urging all Oklahomans to pray; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Public Law 82-328 called for "a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals." This was amended by Public Law 100-307 which provided for the First Thursday in May of each year to be designated the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, in the fifth century Saint Ambrose said "Where prayer is poured forth, sins are covered." In the seventeenth century, Saint Francis de Sales in his "Treatise on the Love of God" wrote "The chief exercise of prayer is to speak to God and to hear God speak in the bottom of your heart." In the nineteenth century, writing in "Humility and Patience" Archbishop Ullathorne said "Prayer is the noblest and most exalted action of which man is capable through the grace of God." In the twentieth century, Dom Chapman in his "Spiritual Letters" stated "the only way to pray is to pray, and the way to pray well is to pray much. If one has no time for this, then one must at least pray regularly. But the less one prays, the worse it goes;" and

WHEREAS, recent events in Oklahoma City have brought forth both tragedy and sorrow as well as compassion and generosity on behalf of all Oklahomans. Such occurrences remind us of the need of prayer not only because of the events we have all witnessed but because for many this is the most effective and comforting path of action during trying times; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Lord Tennyson, poet laureate of England from 1850-1892 wrote "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Whereof, let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day. For what are men better than sheep or goats that nourish a blind life within the brain. If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer both for themselves and those who call them friend?"

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares Thursday, May 4, 1995, as a Day of Prayer throughout the State of Oklahoma.

THAT all Oklahomans are urged to pray, especially in the light of the recent tragedy in downtown Oklahoma City.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of State for distribution to all who request it.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of May, 1995.

President of the Senate