

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 53 By: Brown, Bell, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, 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 commending school and mental health counselors for providing reassurance and consolation following the federal building tragedy; recognizing April 1996 as Counseling Awareness Month; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma professional counselors responded to the need created when on April 19, 1995, terrorists bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma professional counselors brought reassurance and consolation to the Oklahoma City area children and their families who were distraught and confused following this act of violence; and

WHEREAS, professional counselors from throughout the state and nation traveled to the Oklahoma City area to be available to provide counseling to children and families in need. Many stayed for days and weeks in order to answer the call for help in Oklahoma's greatest crisis of this century; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma professional counselors deserve praise and recognition from all Oklahomans for responding to the crisis and comforting those whose young lives were shattered by this senseless act of terrorism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the school and mental health counselors who provided reassurance and consolation to school children and their families following the federal building tragedy.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes April 1996 as Counseling Awareness Month.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Counseling Association, the Board of Education of the Oklahoma Public Schools and the Oklahoma American Counseling Association.

Adopted by the Senate the 30th day of April, 1996.

President of the Senate