

SHORT TITLE: Resolution urging sponsors of "The G. Gordon Liddy Show" and other talk shows to withdraw sponsorship; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 16

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution urging sponsors of "The G. Gordon Liddy Show" and other talk shows that encourage violence against law officers, public officials or private citizens to withdraw their financial support of such programs; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1995, G. Gordon Liddy urged listeners of his nationally syndicated radio program to "shoot for the heads" of federal agents who wear bulletproof vests; and

WHEREAS, such irresponsible and inflammatory statements cause great danger not only to law enforcement officers, public safety officials, national guard troops and other defenders of our freedom, but to the general public as well; and

WHEREAS, no responsible individual or organization should condone behavior that endangers public safety or encourages others to participate in acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, the broadcasters and sponsors of radio programs that encourage violent behavior have a civic duty to speak out against such irresponsible statements; and

WHEREAS, WKY-Radio, the Oklahoma City broadcaster of "The G. Gordon Liddy Show", and its advertisers have a special responsibility in this matter in light of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, broadcasters, sponsors and advertisers can make their voices and the voices of millions of responsible Americans heard by withdrawing their financial support of such programs; and

WHEREAS, such action would send a strong signal to messengers of hate and violence that such conduct will not be tolerated in a civilized society, making our world a safer place.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby urges the broadcasters and sponsors of "The G. Gordon Liddy Show" and other broadcast talk shows that encourage hate and violence to withdraw their financial support of such programs.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the United States Attorney General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma, the State Adjutant General, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the District Attorneys Council, the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association, the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, the Oklahoma Fraternal Order of Police, the Oklahoma County Sheriffs Association, and the Oklahoma State Troopers Association.

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