

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1028

By: Boyd (Betty)

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution urging that the Oklahoma State Flag and the Flag of the United States of America to be flown at half-staff on April 19 of each year; providing for certain alternative designations; authorizing the Governor to issue certain proclamation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 19, 1995, shocked the country and the entire world, unveiling the loss of 168 innocent victims; and

WHEREAS, people around the globe and the United States prayed for courage for those impacted by this heinous terrorist act; and

WHEREAS, in the esteemed words of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, "It is courage the world needs, not infallibility... courage is always the surest wisdom"; and

WHEREAS, courage was the overriding attribute reflected by the numerous brave deeds performed by dedicated individuals improving the tragic situation around them; and

WHEREAS, in those darkest days of April, valiant men and women devoted themselves to the recovery and rebuilding of our faith in the safety and sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, many exceptional memorials have been placed throughout Oklahoma and the country, commemorating the lives of the victims of this devastating tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the memory of that day has instilled in the minds of the citizens throughout the world the daily appreciation of life and loved ones and the wisdom to remember the brevity of human life; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this state to aid in the healing process by commemorating April 19 of each year as the day Oklahomans survived the catastrophe and also set a proud and courageous example for the world to follow; and

WHEREAS, the flying of the flags at half-staff on April 19 of each year would be an appropriate reminder for the people of this state and the world that despite the horror of April 19, it did not diminish our fighting, everlasting and courageous spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT April 19 of each year is designated as "Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Remembrance Day", and the Governor is authorized and requested to:

1. Issue annually a proclamation calling on the citizens of the State of Oklahoma to observe the day with appropriate reflective ceremonies and activities; and

2. Urge all state agencies, interested organizations, groups, and individuals to fly the Oklahoma State Flag and the Flag of the United States of America at half-staff each April 19 in honor of the victims who died or were injured, the families of such victims, and the rescuers who risked their lives to aid these victims following the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

THAT if April 19 falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be designated as the Remembrance Day for that year. If April 19 falls on a Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be designated as the Remembrance Day for that year.

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be dispatched to Governor Frank Keating.

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