

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1034

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A Resolution commending the staff of KOCO-5 for coverage of the May 3, 1999, tornadoes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 3, 1999, one of history's worst storm systems containing multiple tornadoes invaded Oklahoma, creating widespread disaster to citizens of metropolitan Oklahoma City as well as surrounding towns and communities in the state; and

WHEREAS, the staff of KOCO-5 provided continuous accurate tracking and news coverage of the storm's path and devastation (sometimes at personal risk to their own lives) becoming an information link to safety and security for Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life from these tornadoes is currently 44; and

WHEREAS, the cost to insured property is estimated to exceed one billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life, casualties, and damages from the storm's fury would have been substantially greater were it not for the tireless, timely and sacrificial efforts of the staff of KOCO-5; and

WHEREAS, at tremendous cost to the station, the KOCO-5 staff mobilized and united their resources as a public service to their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the KOCO-5 staff of broadcasters, storm trackers and staff be commended for their coverage of the May 3, 1999, devastating tornadoes, coverage which saved a countless number of lives.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the management and staff of KOCO-5.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of May, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives