

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1083

By: Benson of the House

and

Taylor of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the Oklahoma Lumbermen's Association for its leadership role in establishing Project Rebuild; expressing appreciation to those companies making contributions of building materials for use under Project Rebuild; recognizing the efforts of the numerous volunteers involved with Project Rebuild; recognizing the determination of the families who rebuilt their homes through the assistance of Project Rebuild; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma was devastated on May 3, 1999, by a series of the most destructive tornadoes in the recorded history of the state that cut deadly paths across Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the tornadoes caused enormous losses both in terms of casualties and property damage, including 2,590 single family dwellings which experienced major or total destruction; and

WHEREAS, many families who were in the path of the tornadoes experienced major damage or the loss of their homes and lacked the financial resources, including insurance and public disaster recovery programs, to rebuild their homes; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Lumbermen's Association, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, and Oklahoma Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters established Project Rebuild: Partners in Mission, on July 9, 1999, in recognition of the dire financial situation of many Oklahoma families who would be unable to rebuild their homes without the contributions of building materials and labor as a result of Project Rebuild; and

WHEREAS, Project Rebuild played a critical role in Oklahoma's recovery from the devastating impact of the May 3, 1999, tornadoes by generating over Two Million Dollars in donated building materials and over Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in supplemental funding plus thousands of hours of volunteered labor which enabled twenty-seven families to date in the communities of Bridge Creek, Mulhall, Perry, Hennessey, Moore, Vinita, Shawnee, and Wichita, Kansas, who otherwise could not have, to return to rebuilt homes of their own.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Lumbermen's Association be recognized for their leadership role in establishing Project Rebuild and demonstrating the highest standard of what has come to be recognized as the "Oklahoma spirit" in responding to national disasters.

THAT PrimeSource Building Products, Masonite Corporation, Celotex, Arrowhead Lumber Sales, Republic Gypsum, Georgia Pacific, Temple-Inland, Weyerhaeuser, Boise Cascade, W.S. Darling and Associates, Sheffield Steel Corporation, Cedar Creek Lumber, Wooster Brush Company, Valspar Corporation, National Gypsum Company, Tamko Roofing Products, Inc., Dow Chemical, Macklanburg-Duncan Company, Bailey Lumber, Buford White Lumber, Chesnutt Lumber, County Building Center, D.W. Distribution, Pollard Lumber, Moore's Lumber and Building, Holland Southwest International, Gordon White Lumber, Indiana Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company, Hope Lumber and Supply, Mid-America Lumber, Gilcrest Jewett Lumber, Mid-States Wholesale Lumber, Mohawk Materials, Oklahoma Home Center, Forest Lumber Company, T.H. Rogers Lumber Company, Fox Building Supply, Caston Door and Plywood, and Tuttle Lumber Company receive the grateful appreciation of the citizens of Oklahoma for their contributions of lumber and other building materials which were used by needy families to rebuild their homes under Project Rebuild.

THAT the volunteer efforts of over two thousand persons from twenty-four states and five foreign nations and financial contributions from the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, Oklahoma Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters, Oklahoma Conference of Churches, Mennonite Disaster Service, Mennonite Christian Aid Disaster Service, Church of God, Baptist Men's Ministries and Missions, Newcastle Heights Church of Christ, Catholic Charities Disaster Relief, Episcopal Diocese, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Bartimeus Ministries, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Lutheran Disaster Response, Rotary Club, United Way of Metro Oklahoma City, Indian Nations Presbytery, St. Vincent DePaul, Feed the Children, Bridge Creek Relief Fund, the Knights of Columbus, and Carter Park Church of Christ be recognized for their unselfish efforts in Project Rebuild that enabled needy families to rebuild their homes.

THAT the families who, through the assistance of Project Rebuild, rebuilt their homes and chose to remain vital parts of their local communities and the future of this great state be recognized for their determination.

THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to the Oklahoma Lumbermen's Association and all the business entities and volunteer organizations listed in this resolution.

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