

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1036_____

By: Culver

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending Steven M. Gonzales, Andrew A. Ramirez and Christopher J. Stone; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on the 31st of March, Specialist Steven M. Gonzales of Huntsville, Texas, Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez of Los Angeles, California, and Staff Sergeant Christopher J. Stone of Smiths Creek, Michigan, were captured by Serbian forces along the border of Macedonia and Kosovo; and

WHEREAS, all three soldiers are members of the United States First Infantry Division, a division that has patrolled that borderland for years; and

WHEREAS, these soldiers will most likely be forced to face a military inquiry by the Serbian forces; and

WHEREAS, the family and friends of these soldiers have begun a yellow ribbon crusade to support the cause of release of these three men held by the Serbians; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Oklahomans to join in this crusade to help support the families and friends of these three POWs and encourage the military forces on all sides of the conflict to have these men released and provide for a peaceful resolution to this conflict.

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

THAT Oklahomans feel great pride in the show of great courage by the three POWs captured by Serbians, Steven M. Gonzales, Andrew A. Ramirez and Christopher J. Stone.

THAT Oklahoma sends support to the families and friends of the POWs.

THAT Oklahoma commends these three POWs and prays for the safe return of these men.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the families of Steven M. Gonzales, Andrew A. Ramirez and Christopher J. Stone.

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