

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1060____

By: Toure and Thornbrugh of the
House

and

Snyder and Monson of the
Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to support certain contributions to Sierra Leone and certain designation by the United States Department of State; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States of America is committed to the cause of world peace; and

WHEREAS, gross violations of human rights have occurred in Sierra Leone, West Africa, as part of a violent campaign to overthrow the democratically elected government; and

WHEREAS, the gross violations of human rights by the so-called Revolutionary United Front in Sierra Leone, includes murder, forcible amputation of limbs of defenseless civilians of all ages, rape, kidnapping, and the forcible removal of civilians from their homes; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has estimated that over 400,000 Sierra Leoneans have had to flee their country to escape the terror campaign by the Revolutionary United Front; and

WHEREAS, International Peace-Keeping efforts have been initiated in the Economic Community of West African States to restore peace in Sierra Leone; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Community of West African States has requested assistance from the United States of America for peace-keeping efforts in Sierra Leone.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to support a contribution in an amount sufficient to ensure the success of the peace-keeping efforts of the Economic Community of Western African States in Sierra Leone and the subregion.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports the United States Department of State designation of the Revolutionary United Front in Sierra Leone as a terrorist organization.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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