

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1029____

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A Resolution applauding the financial support given to the American Red Cross by the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus, members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the National Black Caucus of Legislators for the Oklahoma tornado relief effort; urging other groups to follow the example of these groups; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and the May 3, 1999, tornadoes which devastated many counties in Oklahoma have challenged the citizens of this state to respond to two very serious national disasters; and

WHEREAS, a myriad of organized and individual efforts to respond to these tragedies have clearly demonstrated the ties that bind Oklahomans together and to rise to the challenge presented during the periods of crises caused by these tragic events; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross and many of its local chapters in Oklahoma and other states, Feed the Children, and many, many other volunteer organizations have made invaluable contributions in support of Oklahoma as it has struggled to recover from the recent periods of tragedy through the compassionate actions of their paid and volunteer workers and financial contributors; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus and several other members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives have decided to contribute to the disaster relief effort in the aftermath of last week's tornadoes by providing a financial contribution to the

American Red Cross to support its efforts in the state's recovery from the May 3, 1999, tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, the National Black Caucus of Legislators has matched the donations from the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus and other members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for a total contribution in excess of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to the American Red Cross.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives applauds the financial support of the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus, other members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the National Black Caucus of Legislators to the American Red Cross for the disaster relief from the May 3, 1999, series of tornadoes that has devastated Oklahoma by the resulting deaths and injuries and loss of property.

That the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges other groups to follow the example of the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus, other members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the National Black Caucus of Legislators by contributing in a meaningful way to the disaster relief through volunteering in the disaster recovery, donation of blood and needed supplies, or giving financial contributions to one of the many organizations involved in the disaster recovery.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the American Red Cross, the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus, and the National Black Caucus of Legislators.

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