

A Resolution recognizing the contributions made by Jack and Phyllis Poe; thanking them for their often unrecognized assistance; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jack and Phyllis Poe, chaplains for the Oklahoma City Police Department, were officially responsible for the clergy response to the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They spent much of their time the next five years assisting individuals in dealing with the prolonged aftermath of the bombing. After September 11, 2001, they were asked to assist with the trauma that resulted from the twin towers tragedy in New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Poe has been a chaplain for the Oklahoma City Police Department since April 1984. He was also state chaplain for the National Guard at the time of the Murrah Building bombing and was given the responsibility to mobilize all the National Guard chaplains. He supervised 26 military chaplains in addition to local volunteer chaplains. Dr. Poe, past president of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC), has participated in many disaster drills and preparations, encouraging chaplains to become trained in all aspects of disaster work when the normal resources of emergency services are no longer functional; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Poe has managed the "Chaplain's Corner" of the State Fair of Oklahoma since 1990 and has been a Chaplain for the Oklahoma City Police Department since 1991. After the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing, she managed the clergy command post, providing identification credentials and assignments. She has served as Assistant Regional Director of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC). Phyllis has been the chaplain for the Oklahoma Women in Law Enforcement since 1992 and is a member of the International Association of Women Police, a member of the local Fraternity of Police Auxiliary, and the Oklahoma Sheriff and Peace Officers Association. She facilitates support groups for police spouses and is a co-counselor with her husband for the officers and their families as they cope with job- and family-related issues; and

WHEREAS, several articles written by the Poes are included in "The Policeman's Bible", further spreading their message of faith to the world, especially to victims of disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the unique and important contributions made by Jack and Phyllis Poe, especially in times of terrible tragedy and devastating destruction.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Jack and Phyllis Poe for their often unrecognized assistance supporting and comforting those who protect us all.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma City Police Department Chaplains Jack and Phyllis Poe.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate