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A Concurrent Resolution recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the ten-year anniversary of the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m. Central Time in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, America was attacked in one of the worst terrorist attacks on American soil killing 168 Americans and injuring more than 850 Americans; and

WHEREAS, this horrific act of domestic terrorism affected thousands of families and millions of people across the State of Oklahoma and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma and the United States of America responded to this tragedy through the remarkable efforts of local, state and federal law enforcement, fire and emergency services, search and rescue teams, public and private medical personnel and volunteers from the community who saved lives endangered by this terrorist act; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma and the United States pledged themselves to create, build, and maintain a national memorial that remembers those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City National Memorial draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world every year to the site of this tragic event in American history; and

WHEREAS, this Memorial brings comfort, strength, peace, hope and serenity to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who come to the Memorial and Museum each year to remember and to learn.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature joins with all Americans in sending our thoughts and prayers to the families, friends, and neighbors of those 168 people killed in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature thanks the thousands of first responders, rescue workers, medical personnel and volunteers from the community and around the nation who answered the call for help that April morning and in the days and weeks that followed.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature resolves to stand with all Americans to promote the goals and mission represented by the Oklahoma City National Memorial on this tenth anniversary and for the future:

“We come here to remember those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever. May all who leave here know the impact of violence. May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity.”

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the people of Oklahoma for making tremendous progress over the past decade and for demonstrating their steadfast commitment to teaching lessons of hope and understanding.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature applauds the people of Oklahoma as they continue to persevere and to stand as a beacon to the rest of the nation and the world attesting to the strength of goodness in overcoming evil wherever it arises.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature joins with millions of Americans in recognizing April 17-24, 2005, as the National Week of Hope, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

This week includes:

A Day of Faith – Sunday, April 17;

A Day of Understanding – Monday, April 18;

A Day of Remembrance – Tuesday, April 19;

A Day of Sharing – Wednesday, April 20;

A Day of Tolerance – Thursday, April 21;

A Day of Caring – Friday, April 22;

A Day of Inspiration – Saturday, April 23; and

A Run to Remember – Sunday, April 24.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature trusts that this week will allow all Americans to participate in an event each day of this week that will teach that hope can exist in the midst of political violence. It will show that good endures in the world even among those who commit bad acts. It will show that there is a way to resolve differences other than resorting to terrorism or violence.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the House of Representatives and the Journal of the State Senate as a permanent record of the sentiments expressed herein.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.