

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 23

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A Resolution expressing appreciation to all whose
efforts resulted in the defeat of Osama bin Laden,
and all who continue to strive for justice and peace.

WHEREAS, the unalienable rights that we as Americans believe
have been endowed by our Creator - life, liberty and the pursuit of
happiness - are at times imperiled by those, such as Osama bin Laden
and al Qaeda, who fear freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the victims of the evil perpetrated by Osama bin Laden
in our country on September 11, 2001, at the embassy bombings in
Africa, and against the soldiers of the U.S.S. Cole, and all who

renounce crimes against humanity, have waited many years for justice to prevail; and

WHEREAS, due to the heroism and tenacity of U.S. military and intelligence operatives, Osama bin Laden has now been defeated. Although his death cannot repay his victims and their families, they are comforted by the fact that he will now answer for his actions to the highest authority; and

WHEREAS, this victory was made possible due to the efforts and shared sacrifices of citizens of the United States and many other nations, encompassing the administrations of President Barack Obama and former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. The efforts of two of our own members, Senator Tom Ivester in Afghanistan and Senator Steve Russell in Iraq and Afghanistan, are mere examples of the contributions of our active military personnel and installations, our veterans who served with distinction and valor, and countless other Oklahomans who have served in the war against terror, which will continue long beyond the success of this operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate expresses its appreciation to all whose efforts resulted in the defeat of Osama bin Laden, and all who continue to strive for justice and peace in all parts of our world.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of May, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate