

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1033

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution expressing gratitude to the President
10 and the United States military for bringing justice
11 to Osama bin Laden.

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

17 WHEREAS, Osama bin Laden's September 11, 2001, attack against
18 the United States resulted in the loss of over 3,000 American lives
19 at the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville,
20 Pennsylvania; and

21 WHEREAS, since that fateful day our great country has lost more
22 than 6,000 veterans in our post- 9/11 wars with over 50,000 veterans
23 wounded and disabled; and

1 WHEREAS, after 10 years since 9/11 in which bin Laden had been
2 able to evade what amounted to the largest manhunt in international
3 history, he was finally found by U.S. forces in a city just outside
4 the capital city of Pakistan; and

5 WHEREAS, Osama bin Laden led the organization which committed
6 the attacks of September 11, 2001, as well as the bombing of the
7 U.S.S. Cole and the bombing of two embassies in Africa; and

8 WHEREAS, bin Laden eluded justice for many years despite being
9 hunted by the United States military and intelligence forces; and

10 WHEREAS, the al Qaeda leader was brought to justice by the
11 direction and orders of President Barack Obama and a dedicated team
12 of technically proficient U.S. Navy Seals and others; and

13 WHEREAS, this victory was made possible due to the efforts and
14 shared sacrifices of citizens of the United States and many other
15 nations, encompassing the administrations of President Barack Obama
16 and former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton; and

17 WHEREAS, due to the heroism and tenacity of the United States
18 military and intelligence forces, bin Laden received the justice he
19 so richly deserved on May 1, 2011. In a daring raid, United States
20 Special Operations forces identified and killed bin Laden; and

21 WHEREAS, the contributions of our active military personnel, our
22 veterans who served with distinction and valor, and countless other
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1 Oklahomans who have served in the war against terror, are deeply
2 appreciated and will not be forgotten; and

3 WHEREAS, the victims of bin Laden's terrorism now have a measure
4 of justice and all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and
5 women who risk their lives to capture and kill the terrorists who
6 have attacked our country and threatened the American way of life.

7 WHEREAS, the demise of Osama bin Laden closes a chapter of the
8 war on terrorism but does not end that war; and

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT President Barack Obama, commander-in-chief of the United
12 States Military, along with those assisting with intelligence
13 efforts to track down Osama bin Laden, be commended for their
14 determination and deliberative efforts to hunt down and successfully
15 bring to justice what was the greatest terrorist threat to our
16 nation, Osama bin Laden.

17 THAT all current and former members of the United States Armed
18 Forces be recognized for their efforts and sacrifices to end the war
19 on terror currently facing world citizens.

20 THAT all persons, living and deceased, who have been affected by
21 the terrorist activities of Osama bin Laden be remembered with a
22 moment of silence and reflection by the Oklahoma House of
23 Representatives.

1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses its
2 gratitude to all whose efforts resulted in justice for Osama bin
3 Laden, and to all who continue to strive for justice and peace in
4 all parts of our world.

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