

1 WHEREAS, even before the storm clouds dissipated, the Oklahoma
2 spirit kicked in to help the families and businesses of Tushka.
3 Volunteers immediately provided food, water, clothing and medical
4 care to those affected. Friends and neighbors took in those
5 families left homeless and helped remove debris, board up
6 structures, and reopen homes and businesses. The Kiamichi
7 Technology Center - Atoka Campus and the Tushka Baptist Church
8 opened their doors to welcome the students and faculty of the Tushka
9 Public School System ensuring the completion of the 2010-2011
10 academic year. Countless Oklahomans have contributed their time and
11 treasure and will continue to help Tushkans in the days and months
12 of restoration that are still ahead; and

13 WHEREAS, while the Oklahoma spring weather will always wreak its
14 havoc, it is a comfort to our citizens to know that Oklahoma
15 families, friends, neighbors, local churches, nonprofit
16 organizations, businesses, and governmental and tribal agencies will
17 be ever present in times of trouble.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
19 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby expresses its condolences
22 to the families and friends of Sammie Lee Dement and Ava Walkup and
23 those injured in the Tushka tornado of 2011, and expresses its
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1 gratitude to all who assisted victims in the aftermath of the
2 tornado and all who will continue to give assistance in the days to
3 follow.

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