

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1056

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution sending heartfelt remembrances to the  
9 families, friends and neighbors of those killed in  
10 the terrorist bombing of the Murrah Building;  
11 encouraging citizens to pause to remember those who  
12 died; sending heartfelt remembrances to those injured  
13 in the bombing and expressing gratitude to those who  
14 answered the call for help; and directing  
15 distribution.

16 WHEREAS, on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m., a terrorist detonated  
17 a truck bomb at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma  
18 City; and

19 WHEREAS, this was one of the worst terrorist attacks ever to  
20 occur on United States soil, taking the lives of 168 people and  
21 injuring more than 850 others, many of them United States Government  
22 employees who worked in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building; and

23 WHEREAS, this cowardly act of domestic terrorism directly  
24 affected thousands of families and horrified millions of people  
across the state and across the nation; and

1       WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma and the United States responded  
2 to this tragedy through the remarkable efforts of local, state, and  
3 federal law enforcement personnel, firefighters, search and rescue  
4 teams, public and private medical personnel, other emergency  
5 services personnel, and thousands of volunteers from the community  
6 who saved lives, assisted the injured and wounded, comforted the  
7 bereaved, and provided meals and support to those who came to  
8 Oklahoma City to offer assistance; and

9       WHEREAS, this courageous response set what has come to be known  
10 as the "Oklahoma Standard", which was later emulated by many  
11 Americans following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

12       WHEREAS, following the 1995 attack, the people of Oklahoma and  
13 the United States pledged to build and maintain a permanent national  
14 memorial to remember those who were killed, those who survived, and  
15 those changed forever; and

16       WHEREAS, this pledge was fulfilled by establishing the Oklahoma  
17 City National Memorial, which draws hundreds of thousands of  
18 visitors from around the world every year to the site of the attack;  
19 and

20       WHEREAS, the inscription on the wall of the Oklahoma City  
21 National Memorial reads: "We come here to remember those who were  
22 killed, those who survived, and those changed forever. May all who  
23 leave here know the impact of violence. May this memorial offer  
24 comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity."; and

1       WHEREAS, the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of  
2 Terrorism was established to educate the nation's emergency  
3 responders about preventing and mitigating the effects of terrorist  
4 attacks; and

5       WHEREAS, the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building has been replaced  
6 with a new, safe, secure, and functional federal building in  
7 downtown Oklahoma City that houses many of the offices once housed  
8 in the Murrah Building, sending a message that the people and  
9 government of the United States will not be cowed by terrorists; and

10       WHEREAS, the 19th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the  
11 Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building is April 19, 2014.

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH LEGISLATURE:

14       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives sends its heartfelt  
15 remembrances to the families, friends, and neighbors of the 168  
16 people killed in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah  
17 Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

18       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all  
19 citizens of the state to pause for 168 seconds on April 19, 2014, to  
20 remember the 168 people who died in this senseless tragedy.

21       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives sends its heartfelt  
22 remembrances to those injured in the bombing and expresses gratitude  
23 to the thousands of first responders, rescue workers, medical  
24 personnel, and volunteers from the community and across the nation

1 | who answered the call for help on the morning of the attack and in  
2 | the days and weeks thereafter.

3 |        THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Kari Watkins,  
4 | Executive Director of the Oklahoma City Memorial and Museum.

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