

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 100

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution expressing condolences upon the deaths
8 of hundreds of miners in the coal mine explosion in
9 Soma, Turkey; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 14, 2014, an explosion tore through a
12 coal mine in Soma, Turkey, as more than 700 workers prepared for a
13 shift change, and the ensuing fire cut off electricity to the mine,
14 trapping hundreds almost a mile beneath the surface; and

15 WHEREAS, although 383 miners had been rescued by the day after
16 the explosion, 302 deaths have been confirmed, making the Soma mine
17 explosion the most deadly in Turkey's mining history; and

18 WHEREAS, tragedies of this magnitude transcend geographical
19 boundaries, and it is with great sadness for the loved ones of the
20 deceased and injured miners that the Oklahoma State Senate expresses
21 sincere condolences.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
23 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:
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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends deepest sympathies to the
2 relatives and friends of miners who died in the Soma, Turkey,
3 explosion, and does hereby share in the hopes that peace and comfort
4 will be granted to those who remain.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Raindrop
6 Turkish Cultural Center.

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