

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1024

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution sending heartfelt remembrances to the families, friends and neighbors of those killed in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building; encouraging citizens to pause to remember those who died; sending heartfelt remembrances to those injured in the bombing and expressing gratitude to those who answered the call for help; and directing distribution.

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

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

WHEREAS, this cowardly act of domestic terrorism directly 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 Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building has been replaced
2 with a new, safe, secure, and functional federal building in
3 downtown Oklahoma City that houses many of the offices once housed
4 in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, sending a message that the
5 people and government of the United States will not be cowed by
6 terrorists; and

7 WHEREAS, the 26th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the
8 Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building is April 19, 2021.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

15 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all
16 citizens of the state to pause for 168 seconds on April 19, 2021, to
17 remember the 168 people who died in this senseless tragedy.

18 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives sends its heartfelt
19 remembrances to those injured in the bombing and expresses gratitude
20 to the thousands of first responders, rescue workers, medical
21 personnel, and volunteers from the community and across the nation
22 who answered the call for help on the morning of the attack and in
23 the days and weeks thereafter.

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

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