

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4   HOUSE

5   RESOLUTION 1037

By: West (Rick) and Hefner

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 Alfred P. Murrah Federal  
11          Building and to those injured in the bombing;  
12          expressing gratitude to those who answered the call  
13          for help; and directing distribution.

14          WHEREAS, on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m., a terrorist bomb  
15          ripped apart the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City;  
16          and

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

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

24          WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma and the United States responded  
to this tragedy through the remarkable efforts of local, state, and

1 federal law enforcement personnel, firefighters, search and rescue  
2 teams, public and private medical personnel, other emergency  
3 services personnel, and thousands of volunteers from the community  
4 who saved lives, assisted the injured and wounded, comforted the  
5 bereaved, and provided meals and support to those who came to  
6 Oklahoma City to offer assistance; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building has been replaced  
24 with a new, safe, secure, and functional federal building in

1 downtown Oklahoma City that houses many of the offices once housed  
2 in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, sending a message that the  
3 people and government of the United States will not be cowed by  
4 terrorists; and

5 WHEREAS, the 29th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the  
6 Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building is April 19, 2024.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Kari Watkins,  
20 Executive Director of the Oklahoma City National Memorial and  
21 Museum.

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23 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.  
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