

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 44

By: McCortney

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the KTEN Weather Team for their coverage of tornadic weather events occurring in south-central Oklahoma on April 27-28, 2024; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, 30 tornadoes occurred in Oklahoma during the April 27-28, 2024, tornado outbreak and flash flooding event; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Sulphur and Holdenville were hit with EF3 tornadoes, taking the lives of three Oklahomans, accounting for hundreds of injuries, and resulting in millions of dollars in damage and destruction to homes, local businesses, and other structures; and

WHEREAS, the KTEN Weather Team, comprised of Chief Meteorologist Mandy Bailey and Meteorologists Hunter Donahoe, Amber Nowaski, and Cathy Corbett, provided coverage throughout the severe weather on April 27-28; and

1 WHEREAS, by utilizing technology from the Weather Company during  
2 their on-air tornado coverage, the KTEN Weather Team provided  
3 accurate information to area residents, giving them time to prepare  
4 and seek shelter; and

5 WHEREAS, their minute-by-minute coverage kept residents  
6 informed, preventing further injuries and loss of life; and

7 WHEREAS, their coverage reached a larger audience and warned  
8 more people through their Max technology, which includes the Max  
9 Engine, allowing the team to send out personalized mobile app videos  
10 and geotargeted information to send severe weather updates directly  
11 to viewers' smartphones; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Meteorologist Mandy Bailey is a University of  
13 Oklahoma (OU) graduate who has an extensive severe weather  
14 background, and her analyses are strengthened through her experience  
15 in her meteorology coursework at OU; and

16 WHEREAS, following their comprehensive severe weather coverage,  
17 which undoubtedly played a critical role in saving thousands of  
18 lives, the KTEN team has provided continued coverage of the relief  
19 efforts in Sulphur, Holdenville, and beyond, as these communities  
20 recover and rebuild following much loss and devastation.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
22 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:  
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1        THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the KTEN Weather Team  
2 for their coverage of tornadic weather events occurring in south-  
3 central Oklahoma on April 27-28, 2024.

4        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to KTEN-TV.

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