Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

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and

Frix, Kirt, and Bergstrom of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution remembering those killed or injured in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building; thanking those who helped in the recovery; renouncing all such terroristic acts; reclaiming hope for the future; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, everyone in Oklahoma and much of the world knows about the horrific events that transpired in Oklahoma City on the morning of April 19, 1995, when a terrorist blast ripped apart the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building at 9:02 a.m., claiming the lives of 168 individuals and leaving many others wounded both physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity to remember those who died or were wounded. May their lives never be said to have been in vain. They live on in our memories, and their actions while alive influence and inform us to this day of how to live in charity toward others and to do good and not repay evil with evil; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the debt of gratitude owed to the many first responders — including local, state, and federal law enforcement personnel, firefighters, search and rescue teams, public and private medical personnel, other emergency services personnel, and thousands of volunteers from the community — who immediately answered the call of helping to rescue the living and recover the dead. They saved lives, assisted the injured and wounded, comforted the bereaved, provided meals and support to those who came to Oklahoma City to offer assistance, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, we now renounce these despicable acts of terrorism and ask Almighty God to root out the seeds of such terrorism that grow in the hearts of men and women worldwide, festering into acts of destruction and violence. We ask for an uncovering of such plots before they can claim further lives. We ask for divine justice tempered with divine mercy; and

WHEREAS, we repent on behalf of those who harbor such anger, bitterness and hatred toward others. We ask for love to take root in place of such darkness; we willingly forgive those who have hurt us, and when we can't find it in our own hearts to forgive, we ask for divine help; and

WHEREAS, we vow to teach our children and all future generations that love toward their creator, toward themselves, and toward others is the only solution. We remember this day because we choose a different future moving forward. We see what violence and hatred brings, and we declare we will not pick up the same offense but will instead plant seeds of love and hope in its place. May we rebuild and replant only from this foundation; and

WHEREAS, we decree the Oklahoma City National Memorial will not just be a place to mourn the dead and to pity the lives lost. We mourn with those who mourn and extend and receive comfort. But we decree this will be a place to restart hope for a better and more peaceful future. It will not be a place of rekindling anger toward terrorists, which gives the darkness power. It will instead be a place where light dispels darkness; love dispels fear; hope dispels despair; and

WHEREAS, we resolve that while we will not be cowed by terrorists, we will not respond in a like spirit; and

WHEREAS, we commemorate this day in advance of the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. We do so not in vain, thinking nothing has truly changed in the hearts of men and women in the last 30 years, believing that we are more divided now than perhaps any time in history. We do so instead with the hope that, with divine help, we can begin to truly love our brothers and sisters and move past the hatred that so easily divides us. We bless those who persecute us and despitefully use us, not because we don't desire justice, but because we know divine justice exceeds our own, just as divine mercy is given to those who seek mercy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature sends its heartfelt remembrances to the families, friends, and neighbors of the 168 people killed in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature sends its heartfelt remembrances to those injured in the bombing and expresses gratitude to the thousands of first responders, rescue workers, medical personnel,

and volunteers from the community and across the nation who answered the call for help on the morning of the attack and in the days and weeks thereafter.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Kari Watkins, President and CEO of the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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