

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 11 ____

By: Treat of the Senate

5 and

6 McCall of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Resolution memorializing the 25th anniversary of
11 the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building;
12 recognizing the role of state employees in that
13 event; remembering those state workers who were
14 injured and mourning those killed in the attack;
15 urging all Oklahomans to be Looking Back and Thinking
16 Forward as they commemorate the incident; and
17 directing distribution.

18 WHEREAS, on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m., Oklahoma City became
19 the site of the worst act of home-grown terrorism on American soil
20 when the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was bombed, killing 168
21 people, including 19 children, and injuring hundreds more; and

22 WHEREAS, 230 state employees from 13 different state agencies
23 were in the vicinity of the bomb. Of these, eight state agencies
24 and 222 employees were housed inside the Oklahoma Water Resources
25 Board and Journal Record buildings. State agencies housed in the
26 Journal Record building were Basic Health Benefits Board, Oklahoma

1 Historical Society - State Preservation Office, Criminal Justice
2 Resource Center, Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission,
3 Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loans, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant,
4 Oklahoma Small Business Development Center, Risk Management Division
5 - Department of Central Services, and the Oklahoma Department of
6 Securities; and

7 WHEREAS, three of those killed in the bombing were state
8 employees including Oklahoma Water Resources Board employees Robert
9 N. Chipman and Trudy Jean Rigney, and University Hospital employee
10 Laura Garrison, who was in the Social Security Office that morning.
11 More than a hundred state employees were injured including employees
12 working in the agencies previously mentioned, plus employees from
13 the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, the Department of
14 Labor, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Department
15 of Rehabilitation Services; and

16 WHEREAS, numerous state employees assisted as first responders
17 immediately after the blast and continued to assist in securing the
18 site and assisting with the search and rescue operation, the
19 investigation and prosecution of the case and the state's overall
20 recovery. Agencies included in these immediate and long term
21 response efforts included the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, University
22 Hospitals, Department of Emergency Management, the Medical
23 Examiner's office, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the
24 Military Department, the Oklahoma National Guard, OETA, the District

1 Attorneys Council, the Attorney General's office, the Indigent
2 Defense System, the Department of Human Services, the Department of
3 Health, the Department of Education, the Oklahoma Employment
4 Security Commission, the Insurance Department, the Department of
5 Corrections, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
6 Services, the Legislature, the Oklahoma Court System and virtually
7 all other state agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, strong leadership during Oklahoma's darkest hour was
9 provided by Governor Frank and Mrs. Keating, Lt. Governor Mary
10 Fallin, and all of our state's elected officials; and

11 WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 25th anniversary of this dark
12 event in our state's history; and

13 WHEREAS, this landmark anniversary year has raised the Murrah
14 Bombing back to the consciousness of all Americans; and

15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum has
16 declared the year 2020 to be a year of THINKING BACK and LOOKING
17 FORWARD.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
19 OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate memorializes the 25th anniversary
22 of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its gratitude to the many
24 state employees who worked tirelessly after the bombing to rescue

1 and aid survivors, recover those who did not survive and assisted in
2 seeking justice for the victims.

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and remembers those
4 state employees who were injured and killed in the Oklahoma City
5 Bombing, and on this 25th anniversary offers prayers for those still
6 mourning the loss of friends and loved ones, and for the continued
7 healing of those injured.

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate urges all Oklahomans to honor
9 those killed, those who survived and those changed forever by
10 LOOKING BACK and THINKING FORWARD to assure such an act of terrorism
11 never happens again.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
13 City National Memorial and Museum.

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