

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 3

By: Dahm of the Senate

and

Olsen of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution embracing Jesus' wisdom;  
recognizing the Ukrainian conflict; offering state  
for peace talks; encouraging governor; and directing  
distribution.

WHEREAS, the recent announcement by the Pentagon that foreign  
troops currently engaged in an active war have entered Oklahoma  
could be perceived as an act of aggression, escalating the conflict;  
and

WHEREAS, the American taxpayers have now had over \$100 billion  
sent overseas for the war, adding to the increased inflation harming  
American taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the massive profiteering during wars and conflicts can  
often blind politicians to the loss of human life as they focus on  
financial profitability; and

1           WHEREAS, it is possible to maintain partnerships with military  
2 forces from partner countries without jeopardizing our national  
3 security by choosing to prioritize peace to save innocent human  
4 lives; and

5           WHEREAS, prioritizing peace is not as excessively profitable as  
6 war; however, the previous massive military expenditures would be  
7 maintained for those who choose to prioritize financial  
8 profitability rather than innocent human lives; and

9           WHEREAS, the conflict between the nations of Russia and Ukraine  
10 has cost an estimated 250,000 lives on all sides; and

11           WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma support the innocent civilians  
12 around the world who suffer loss of liberty and loss of life because  
13 of the decisions of their governments and political leaders; and

14           WHEREAS, the end of hostilities between the nations of Russia  
15 and Ukraine would benefit the citizens of both nations and prevent  
16 further loss of innocent lives.

17           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
18 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20           THAT the Oklahoma Legislature acknowledges and embraces the  
21 wisdom of the words of Jesus found in the Bible, in particular the  
22 verse found in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they  
23 shall be called children of God," as a guiding principle in our  
24 efforts to promote peace and diplomacy.

1            THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that the continuation  
2 of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has led to the enrichment  
3 of the military-industrial complex, a phenomenon famously warned  
4 against by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who stated, "In the  
5 councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of  
6 unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-  
7 industrial complex," and the call for peaceful and diplomatic  
8 solutions prioritizes the well-being of the citizens and not the  
9 interests of the military-industrial complex.

10           THAT the Oklahoma Legislature offers our state as a neutral site  
11 for peace talks and negotiations between the representatives of the  
12 nations of Russia and Ukraine with the goal of ending hostilities  
13 and stopping further loss of human life.

14           THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages the governor of  
15 Oklahoma to work with the U.S. Department of State and any other  
16 federal entities to host peace talks and negotiations in Oklahoma  
17 between the nations of Russia and Ukraine.

18           That a copy of this resolution be distributed to the governor of  
19 Oklahoma, the U.S. Secretary of State, and the U.S. Department of  
20 State.

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