

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 27

5 By: Holt, Floyd, Justice,
6 Sykes, Fry, Bice, Loveless,
7 Jolley, Pittman, Sharp,
8 Shortey, Smalley,
9 Standridge, Treat and Yen

10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Resolution memorializing the 20th anniversary of
12 the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building;
13 recognizing the role of state employees in that
14 event; remembering those state workers who were
15 injured and mourning those killed in the attack; and
16 directing distribution.

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

21 WHEREAS, 230 state employees from 13 different state agencies
22 were in the vicinity of the bomb. Of these, eight state agencies
23 and 222 employees were housed inside the Oklahoma Water Resources
24 Board and Journal Record buildings. State agencies housed in the
Journal Record building were Basic Health Benefits Board, Oklahoma
Historical Society - State Preservation Office, Criminal Justice
Resource Center, Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission,

1 Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loans, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant,
2 Oklahoma Small Business Development Center, Risk Management Division
3 - Department of Central Services, and the Oklahoma Department of
4 Securities; and

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

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

1 Health, the Department of Education, the Oklahoma Employment
2 Security Commission, the Insurance Department, Department of
3 Corrections, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
4 Services, the Legislature, the Oklahoma Court System, and virtually
5 all other state agencies; and

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

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
10 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate memorializes the 20th anniversary
12 of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its gratitude to the many
14 state employees who worked tirelessly after the bombing to rescue
15 and aid survivors, recover those who did not survive, and assisted
16 in seeking justice for the victims.

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and remembers those
18 state employees who were injured and killed in the Oklahoma City
19 Bombing, and on this 20th anniversary offers prayers for those still
20 mourning the loss of friends and loved ones, and for the continued
21 healing of those injured.

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

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