

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 11

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of the Senate

and

McCall of the House

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

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

1 WHEREAS, 230 state employees from 13 different state agencies
2 were in the vicinity of the bomb. Of these, eight state agencies
3 and 222 employees were housed inside the Oklahoma Water Resources
4 Board and Journal Record buildings. State agencies housed in the
5 Journal Record building were Basic Health Benefits Board, Oklahoma
6 Historical Society - State Preservation Office, Criminal Justice
7 Resource Center, Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission,
8 Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loans, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant,
9 Oklahoma Small Business Development Center, Risk Management Division
10 - Department of Central Services, and the Oklahoma Department of
11 Securities; and

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

21 WHEREAS, numerous state employees assisted as first responders
22 immediately after the blast and continued to assist in securing the
23 site and assisting with the search and rescue operation, the
24 investigation and prosecution of the case and the state's overall

1 recovery. Agencies included in these immediate and long term
2 response efforts included the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, University
3 Hospitals, Department of Emergency Management, the Medical
4 Examiner's office, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the
5 Military Department, the Oklahoma National Guard, OETA, the District
6 Attorneys Council, the Attorney General's office, the Indigent
7 Defense System, the Department of Human Services, the Department of
8 Health, the Department of Education, the Oklahoma Employment
9 Security Commission, the Insurance Department, the Department of
10 Corrections, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
11 Services, the Legislature, the Oklahoma Court System and virtually
12 all other state agencies; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum has
21 declared the year 2020 to be a year of THINKING BACK and LOOKING
22 FORWARD.

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

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

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

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and remembers those
11 state employees who were injured and killed in the Oklahoma City
12 Bombing, and on this 25th anniversary offers prayers for those still
13 mourning the loss of friends and loved ones, and for the continued
14 healing of those injured.

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

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

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1 Adopted by the Senate the 13th day of May, 2020.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2020.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House
10 of Representatives