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Remembering the victims of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and supporting the goals and ideals of the National Week of Hope.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2010

Ms. FALLIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Remembering the victims of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and supporting the goals and ideals of the National Week of Hope.

Whereas, on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m., a terrorist detonated a truck bomb at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

Whereas this was one of the worst terrorist attacks ever to occur on United States soil, taking the lives of 168 people and injuring more than 850 others, many of them United States Government employees who worked in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building;

Whereas this cowardly act of domestic terrorism directly affected thousands of families and horrified millions of people across the State of Oklahoma and the United States;

Whereas the people of Oklahoma and the United States responded to this tragedy through the remarkable efforts of 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 saved lives, assisted the injured and wounded, comforted the bereaved, and provided meals and support to those who came to Oklahoma City to offer assistance;

Whereas this courageous response set what has come to be known as the “Oklahoma Standard”, which was later emulated by many Americans following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas, following the 1995 attack, the people of Oklahoma and the United States pledged to build and maintain a permanent national memorial to remember those who were killed, those who survived, and those changed forever;

Whereas this pledge was fulfilled by establishing the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world every year to the site of the attack;

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial brings comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity to the many visitors who come to the Memorial and its museum each year to remember and to learn;

Whereas the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, a partner of the Oklahoma City National

Memorial, was established to educate the Nation's emergency responders about preventing and mitigating the effects of terrorist attacks;

Whereas the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building has been replaced with a new, safe, secure, and functional Federal building in downtown Oklahoma City that houses many of the offices once housed in the Murrah Building, sending a message that the people and Government of the United States will not be cowed by terrorists;

Whereas the 15th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building is April 19, 2010; and

Whereas the week of April 19, 2010, should be designated as the National Week of Hope: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) joins with the people of the United States
3 in sending best wishes and prayers to the families,
4 friends, and neighbors of the 168 people killed in the
5 terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal
6 Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

7 (2) sends its best wishes and thoughts to those
8 injured in the bombing and expresses gratitude for
9 their recovery;

10 (3) thanks the thousands of first responders,
11 rescue workers, medical personnel, and volunteers
12 from the community and across the Nation who answered the call for help on the morning of the attack
13 and in the days and weeks thereafter;

1 (4) pledges to work with the people of the
2 United States to promote the goals and mission of
3 the Oklahoma City National Memorial;

4 (5) supports the inscription on the wall of the
5 Memorial, which reads: “We come here to remember
6 those who were killed, those who survived, and those
7 changed forever. May all who leave here know the
8 impact of violence. May this memorial offer comfort,
9 strength, peace, hope, and serenity.”;

10 (6) congratulates the people of Oklahoma City
11 for making tremendous progress in recovering from
12 the attack over the past 15 years and demonstrating
13 their steadfast commitment to the ability of hope to
14 triumph over violence;

15 (7) applauds the people of Oklahoma City as
16 they continue to persevere and to stand as a beacon
17 to the rest of the Nation and the world, attesting to
18 the strength of goodness in overcoming evil wherever
19 it arises;

20 (8) supports the goals and ideals of the Na-
21 tional Week of Hope; and

22 (9) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
23 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
24 to the Oklahoma City National Memorial Founda-

- 1 tion as an expression of appreciation for the work of
- 2 the Foundation.

