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Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah
Federal Building.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 2015

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the attack on the
Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Whereas on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m. central daylight
time, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the United States
was attacked in 1 of the worst terrorist attacks on
United States soil, which killed 168 people and injured
more than 850 others;

Whereas this dishonorable act of domestic terrorism 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 re-
sponded to this tragedy through the remarkable efforts of
local, State, and Federal law enforcement, firefighters,
and emergency services, search and rescue teams from
across the United States, public and private medical per-

sonnel, 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 help the those endangered and affected by that terrorist act;

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

Whereas that pledge was fulfilled by creating the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world every year to the site of that tragic event in United States history;

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

Whereas the 20th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is on April 19, 2015: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

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 the best wishes and thoughts of Con-
8 gress to those injured in the bombing;

1 (3) expresses the gratitude of Congress for the
2 recovery of those injured;

3 (4) thanks the thousands of first responders,
4 rescue workers, medical personnel, and volunteers
5 from the Oklahoma City community and across the
6 United States who answered the call for help that
7 April morning and in the days and weeks that fol-
8 lowed;

9 (5) resolves to work with the people of the
10 United States to promote the goals and mission es-
11 tablished by the Oklahoma City National Memorial
12 on the 20th anniversary of that fateful day;

13 (6) supports the resolve for the future, written
14 on the wall of the memorial, “We come here to re-
15 member those who were killed, those who survived,
16 and those changed forever. May all who leave here
17 know the impact of violence. May this memorial
18 offer comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity.”;

19 (7) congratulates the people of Oklahoma City
20 for making tremendous progress over the past 2 dec-
21 ades and demonstrating their steadfast commitment
22 to the ability of hope to triumph over violence;

23 (8) applauds the people of Oklahoma City as
24 they continue to persevere and to stand as a beacon
25 to the rest of the United States and the world at-

1 testing to the strength of goodness in overcoming
2 evil wherever it arises in our midst; and

3 (9) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
4 mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Memo-
5 rial Foundation, as an expression of appreciation.

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