

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 249

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 1996

Mr. DOLE (for Mr. NICKLES) (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DOLE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. FORD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EXON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NUNN, Mr. PELL, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SIMON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on Wednesday, April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m. central daylight time, a bomb exploded at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, collapsing the north face of this nine-story building, killing 168 men, women, and children and injuring scores of other innocent victims;

Whereas today, Friday, April 19, 1996, marks the one-year anniversary of this tragic event which is without equal in our Nation's history;

Whereas, in the words of the Reverend Billy Graham to the families and survivors, "Someday the wounds will heal, and someday those who thought they could sow chaos and discord will be brought to justice. The wounds of this tragedy are deep, but the courage and the faith and determination of the people of Oklahoma City are even deeper";

Whereas this was the deadliest terrorist attack ever on United States soil; and

Whereas the United States Senate passed by an overwhelming margin the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act on Wednesday, April 17, 1996: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States—

2               (1) observes a moment of silence at 9:02 a.m.  
3       central daylight time in remembrance of the inno-  
4       cent children and adults who lost their lives or were  
5       injured in this heinous attack one year ago;

6               (2) remembers the families, friends, and loved  
7       ones of those whose lives were taken away by this  
8       abhorrent act;

1           (3) salutes the people of Oklahoma for the  
2 courage, faith and determination they have exhibited  
3 throughout the past year;

4           (4) commends the rescuers, Federal agencies  
5 and countless volunteers who gave of themselves and  
6 their resources to provide aid and relief;

7           (5) commends the Federal employees from  
8 across the Nation who came to the aid of their co-  
9 workers during this crisis; and

10          (6) reaffirms its trust in our system of justice  
11 to ensure that the perpetrators of this heinous crime  
12 be convicted and appropriately punished so that jus-  
13 tice may be served and carried out swiftly.

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