SENATE RESOLUTION 1995-8658

By Senators Gaspard, Haugen, McDonald, Sutherland, Wojahn, Roach, Kohl, A. Anderson, C. Anderson, Bauer, Cantu, Deccio, Drew, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Fraser, Hale, Hargrove, Heavey, Hochstatter, Johnson, Long, Loveland, McAuliffe, McCaslin, Morton, Moyer, Newhouse, Oke, Owen, Pelz, Prentice, Prince, Quigley, Rasmussen, Rinehart, Schow, Sellar, Sheldon, Smith, Snyder, Spanel, Strannigan, West, Winsley- and Wood

WHEREAS, President Clinton has declared April 23, 1995, to be a national day of mourning after the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which shocked and saddened the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to the victims of this terrible tragedy and their families; and

WHEREAS, We pray for the immediate rescue of any survivors still trapped at the site of this terrible tragedy, as well as the swift recovery of all those injured; and

WHEREAS, We owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the firefighters, police, and rescue workers who have risked their own lives to search for and save victims of the bombing; and

WHEREAS, We are proud and grateful for the outstanding investigative work of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, This tragedy is the result of an act of evil, and the work of cowards; and

WHEREAS, Along with the citizens of Oklahoma, we refuse to allow evil cowards to diminish the spirit of people who live in a country where freedom of speech and civil rights are guaranteed and protected; and

WHEREAS, We will not tolerate such brutal acts of terrorism and wanton disregard for human life; and

WHEREAS, We must do everything within our power and resources to make sure our citizens and workers are as safe as possible from random acts of violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on behalf of the people of the State of Washington, the Washington State Senate take this moment to offer prayers and condolences to the victims of the terrorist bombing, their families, and everyone whose lives have been touched by this unspeakable tragedy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, to the Oklahoma State Legislature, and to the Honorable Ron Norrick, Mayor of Oklahoma City.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8658, adopted by the Senate April 23, 1995.

MARTY BROWN Secretary of the Senate