Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 18

By: Weaver, Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Woods, and Young

A Resolution recognizing May 15-21, 2023, as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2023, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of Oklahoma; expressing gratitude; and extending condolences.

WHEREAS, the week of May 15-21, 2023, is recognized throughout the United States as National Police Week, and May 15, 2023, as Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, local, and tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers in the State of Oklahoma and across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are charged with pursuing justice for all individuals and performing their duties with fidelity to the constitutional rights of the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, in 2022, 226 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty, including eight from Oklahoma. Those law enforcement officers are Sgt. Meagan Burke, Oklahoma City Police Department; Sgt. Robert Blaine Swartz, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office; Capt. William Riley Hargraves, Osage County Sheriff's Office; Sgt. Christopher James Nelson, Edmond Police Department; Lt. Scott Brandon Owens, Union City Police Department; Chief Richard Leslie Stephens, Union City Police Department; Master Patrolman William Daniel Kelley, McAlester Police Department; and Officer Bart Lane Arnold, Enid Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes May 15-21, 2023, as National Police Week and recognizes May 15, 2023, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Oklahoma.

That the Oklahoma State Senate expresses its deepest gratitude to all who serve in law enforcement, risking their own safety and lives to protect the public.

That the Oklahoma State Senate expresses condolences to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 16th day of May, 20 23, at 9:29 o'clock A M.

By: Blair Bingham