CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 950401

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF-32

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A Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Syrian Refugee Humanitarian Crisis; and Providing for Distribution

Whereas: Various governors throughout the country, including Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, have taken a political stance to not admit any Syrian refugees into their respective states; and

Whereas: The stances taken by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin and various other governors around the country have been deemed unconstitutional by a variety of sources; most notably Supreme Court decision Hines v. Davidowitz which states “The supremacy of the national power in the general field of foreign affairs, including power over immigration, naturalization and deportation, is made clear by the constitution; and

Whereas: Refugees are protected by the Refugee Act of 1980 which states that the president may admit refugees who face “persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion” into the United States; and

Whereas: The United States is an upholder of the belief of freedom and safety for all and especially those in dire need; and

Whereas: The political stances and statements of the various aforementioned governors, including Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, are not only unconstitutional, but unwarranted and harmful to many people within the United States, Americans, immigrants, and refugees alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, on behalf of the student body of the University of Oklahoma do not stand nor agree with Governor Mary Fallin’s position not to accept Syrian refugees into the state of Oklahoma.
Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Barack Obama
- Secretary of State John Kerry
- Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson
- Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Sarah Saldana
- Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott
- Georgia Governor Nathan Deal
- Alabama Governor Robert Bentley
- Arizona Governor Doug Ducey
- Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson
- Florida Governor Rick Scott
- Idaho Governor Butch Otter
- Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner
- Indiana Governor Mike Pence
- Iowa Governor Terry Branstad
- Kansas Governor Sam Brownback
- Louisiana Governor John Edwards
- Maine Governor Paul LePage
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan
- Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker
- Michigan Governor Rick Snyder
- Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant
- Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts
- Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval
- New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan
- New Jersey Governor Chris Christie
- New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez
- North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory
- North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple
- Ohio Governor John Kasich
- South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley
- South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard
- Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam
- Wyoming Governor Matt Mead
- Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker
- CNN News (Dallas Affiliate)
- NBC News (Dallas Affiliate: KXAS-TV)
- Fox News (Oklahoma affiliates: KOKH & KOKJ)
- CBS News (Oklahoma affiliates: KWTV & KOTV)
- NBL News (Dallas affiliate: KXAS-TV, Oklahoma city, affiliate: KFOR-TV)
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