



## **State of Oklahoma Proclaims April 28, 1995 as ASHRAE Day**

The Region VIII Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) for the 1994-1995 ASHRAE year was intentionally selected by chapter leaders to take place in Oklahoma City so that it would coincide with the Central Oklahoma Chapter's 60th anniversary as well as the Society's 100th anniversary and with the 40th anniversary of the first CRC ever held which was also in Oklahoma City. The conference was to be a major event celebrating all these anniversaries.

All was properly planned for the CRC on April 27-29, 1995 when the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building occurred in downtown OKC on April 19, 1995, just one week before the conference. It was decided by regional and local ASHRAE leadership to go ahead with the CRC as planned, but a sober cloud hung over the weekend. The Centennial Ball dinner and dance was held at the Petroleum Club in the top of the Liberty Bank Building (later named Chase Building, now BancFirst Tower). At that location in downtown Oklahoma City, the remains of the Murrah building could be clearly seen from the restaurant.

The CRC was very successful in spite of the bombing and included a very special accolade given to ASHRAE by the State of Oklahoma. April 28, 1995 was proclaimed to be "ASHRAE Day" by Governor Frank Keating. The proclamation was in honor of ASHRAE's contribution to the State of Oklahoma's quality of life by improving the indoor environment while preserving the outdoor environment. You can see the signed proclamation certificate on our website at

[http://ashraecok.org/images/downloads/History/state\\_of\\_oklahoma\\_proclamation.pdf](http://ashraecok.org/images/downloads/History/state_of_oklahoma_proclamation.pdf)

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