

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 3

 By: Brecheen of the Senate

 and

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9 A Concurrent Resolution stating that Black Vultures
10 have caused depredation in the cattle industry;
11 stating Black Vultures are protected species;
12 describing an insufficient process to address the
13 depredation; urging the Animal and Plant Health
14 Inspection Service to ease restrictions and
15 limitations; and directing distribution.

16 WHEREAS, Black Vultures (*coragyps atratus*) have caused proven
17 and documented depredation in the cattle industry specifically
18 preying on newborn calves; and

19 WHEREAS, Black Vultures are protected under the federal
20 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, administered by the United States Fish
21 and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and

22 WHEREAS, A Take Permit is available to producers through the
23 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United
24 States Department of Agriculture; however, the permit process is not

1 sufficient to address needs in specific areas where depredation has
2 increased.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the Animal and Plant
7 Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of
8 Agriculture to ease the restrictions and limitations of the process
9 for the Take Permit and to increase the number of birds allowed
10 under the Take Permit specific to areas where birds are preying upon
11 calves.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to all Oklahoma
13 Congressional offices, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
14 (USFWS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and
15 to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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