

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 14, 2017

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, A Take Permit is available to producers through the
20 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United
21 States Department of Agriculture; however, the permit process is not
22 sufficient to address needs in specific areas where depredation has
23 increased.
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
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