

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 4

By: Stephens of the Senate

and

Wallace of the House

6 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the conservation
7 of fish and wildlife resources; and encouraging
8 Oklahomans to teach hunting and angling to youth.

10 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's history of hunting and angling can be traced
11 to before statehood; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife Conservation manages and
13 protects fish, wildlife, and their habitats, while also growing the
14 community of hunters and anglers, partnering with outdoorsmen, and
15 fostering stewardship with caretakers of the land; and

16 WHEREAS, hunting, angling, and shooting sports are the primary
17 source of funding for conservation efforts across North America; and

18 WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife Conservation receives no
19 general tax revenues and has an annual budget of approximately \$61.5
20 million that is generated from annual hunting and fishing license
21 sales; and

22 WHEREAS, sportsmen and sportswomen contribute to local economies
23 and support small businesses through recreational shooting and
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1 purchasing hunting and fishing equipment, lodging, and other travel-
2 related costs.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the contributions
7 of Oklahoma sportsmen and sportswomen to fish and wildlife
8 conservation.

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages Oklahomans to
10 teach hunting and angling to youth in the state to pass on practices
11 that will protect our natural resources, land, wildlife, and fish,
12 for generations to come.

13 Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of April, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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17 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

18 2023.

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