Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1062

By: DeWitt, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Trebilcock, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood and Wright

A Resolution declaring Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Day; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service began with the passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 to provide agricultural education and respond to local needs, then expanded its role to help Oklahomans solve local issues and concerns, promote leadership and manage resources wisely; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Service focuses on increasing opportunities for agricultural enterprises, natural resources and environmental management, food, nutrition, health and safety education, and youth, family and community development; and

WHEREAS, all 77 counties in Oklahoma partner with the Cooperative Extension Service to identify local issues and needs that the specialists, agents, support staff, and volunteers of the Service can address; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between Oklahoma State University and counties embodies the true meaning of a partnership by combining resources and knowledge and extending it to the people of this state wherever they live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Service helps sustain the profitability of agricultural and forestry production, while enhancing and protecting the quality of our land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Master Gardener volunteer programs support agriculture and natural resources programs by providing horticultural and residential water-quality protection information to citizens through a variety of educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Family and Consumer Sciences programs focus on human development, food, nutrition and health and family financial management and provides educational opportunities for families to become healthier, more productive citizens who contribute to social and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Youth Development programs invest in the future by creating opportunities for youth to develop their personal leadership skills, contribute to their communities, and strengthen other important life skills through a strong science-based curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the vitality of today's Cooperative Extension Service as well as its national reputation as a well-known and sought-out educational resource can be credited to the men and women of vision who accepted the challenge in 1914 to create the extension service system in Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby declares May 8, 2014, as "Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Day", celebrating 100 years of working one-on-one, side-by-side with the farmers and families of Oklahoma solving everyday challenges and local issues.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and the President of Oklahoma State University.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 7th day of May, 2014.

Lee R. Denney Jr.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 8th day of May, 20 14, at 9:55 o'clock A. M.

By: Chris Benge