Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4

By: Stephens of the Senate

and

Wallace, Alonso-Sandoval, Archer, Baker, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blancett, Boatman, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Davis, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Echols, Fetgatter, Ford, Fugate, Gann, George, Goodwin, Grego, Hardin, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lepak, Lowe (Dick), Lowe (Jason), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, Maynard, McBride, McCall, McDugle, McEntire, Menz, Miller, Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts, Roe, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Sims, Smith, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stinson, Strom, Swope, Talley, Tedford, Townley, Turner, Vancuren, Waldron, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley, and Worthen of the House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 5th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 6th day of April, 20 23, at 9:48 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Benjamin