ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 6 By: Stipe, Robinson and Bell

A Resolution commending the State Geographic Information Systems Council; recognizing April 5, 1995, as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Forty-Fourth Legislature, Second Regular Session, passed Senate Bill No. 722, authorizing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to coordinate the preparation of a Geographic Information System; directing the objectives of a strategy; creating a State Geographic Information Systems Council; requiring all environmental agencies to cooperate with the Commission; and requiring the submission of a report outlining a strategy for developing a Geographic Information System for the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, because of the efforts of the State Geographic Information Systems Council, Oklahoma has moved to the forefront in Geographic Information Systems technology. Geographic Information Systems produce maps which can improve state government's ability to manage our state's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Council prepared and passed standards for the sharing of geographic data so that the data can be shared quickly and easily. Thanks to the Council's efforts, digital orthophotos are currently being flown. These serve as an accurate base map for the state and act as the "base map" for the entire Geographic Information System. Many agencies will be able to use these photos, as they will be available digitally; and

WHEREAS, the Council sponsored a metadata workshop on March 28, 1995. This workshop assisted state agencies in meeting the federal geospatial metadata standards, which facilitate the transfer of data from one entity to another, and serve to improve data quality. The Council also prepared a memorandum of understanding which paves the way for free transfer of geospatial data among agencies. Ten agencies have already signed the memorandum to date; and

WHEREAS, representatives of local, state and federal agencies and private industry are working with the State Geographic Information Systems Council to improve the quality of geographic data maintained by the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for the State Legislature to recognize the role of the State Geographic Information Systems Council for its efforts to successfully share information and technology and promote the role of Geographic Information Systems at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the State Geographic Information Systems Council is sponsoring GIS Day at the Capitol on April 5, 1995. Many agencies and private businesses will be displaying examples of GIS technology at the State Capitol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the successful efforts of the State Geographic Information Systems Council.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby recognizes April 5, 1995, as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State Geographic Information Systems Council.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of April, 1995.

President of the Senate