

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1053

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and

Shurden of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Zebco on its 50th anniversary; commending Zebco for its contributions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, over 924,000 children and adults of all ages enjoy the recreational activity of fishing in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, fishing activities generate about \$490 million annually in the state which benefit local economies all across Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, through the sale of fishing licenses, manufacturer levies and fees, millions of dollars are generated annually which provide funding for state and federal preservation and protection programs for the aquatic resources in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission has designated June 5 and 6, 1999, as "Free Fishing Days" in Oklahoma, which will mark the 18th year of free fishing days in the state and which will also coincide with National Fishing Week; and

WHEREAS, Governor Frank Keating has proclaimed June 5-13, 1999, as "Zebco Fishing Week" in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Zebco, the Tulsa-based fishing tackle manufacturing giant, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, 50 years ago, when the Zero Hour Bomb Company introduced the first spincast reel, it changed forever the way people fish; and

WHEREAS, today Zebco markets a variety of rods and reels under the brands Zebco, Quantum, Martin, Browning and Lew, and other products such as MotorGuide and Thruster trolling motors and Swivl-Eze marine accessories; and

WHEREAS, Zebco is the world's largest fishing tackle company and the last major fishing tackle manufacturing company in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as an employer of over 700 employees, Zebco has contributed greatly to the economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, Zebco is involved in numerous conservation and philanthropic programs and projects, including founding the FishAmerica Foundation which is dedicated to improving fish populations and cleaning up waterways; and

WHEREAS, Zebco sponsors hundreds of family-fishing events each year and supports the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation fisheries programs; and

WHEREAS, Zebco has made significant impact on the state and on the lives of Oklahoma anglers and anglers worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature wishes to extend congratulations to Zebco on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and wishes it continued success into the next millennium.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature further commends Zebco for its economic and conservation contributions to the state, to anglers and to fishing.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Jeff Pontius, President of Zebco, the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

President of the Senate