

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1090

By: Beutler of the House

and

Capps of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the Mangum Rattlesnake Derby and Flea Market; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1966 the Mangum Chamber of Commerce sponsored the first annual Rattlesnake Derby and Flea Market in order to reduce the overpopulation of rattlesnakes; and

WHEREAS, the event was eventually taken over by the newly formed "Shortgrass Rattlesnake Association"; and

WHEREAS, by 1980, the event had grown from only a few food vendors and snake hunters to include some 200 flea market dealers and 200 active snake hunters; and

WHEREAS, by the 1990s the flea market had grown to over 500 spaces and a waiting list; and

WHEREAS, the annual Mangum Rattlesnake Derby and Flea Market has grown to an attendance of over 30,000 for the three-day weekend; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Rattlesnake Derby was featured in a 12-page spread in the popular magazine *Sports Illustrated*; and

WHEREAS, after 34 years, the founders of the hunt have determined that the population of rattlesnakes in the permitted hunting area has been significantly reduced while the economic prosperity of the derby has blossomed to include, among other

numerous activities, an arts and crafts show, a carnival and the 5-km Rattlesnake Run; and

WHEREAS, visitors to the Mangum Rattlesnake Derby have the opportunity to take a bus tour of the natural rattlesnake habitat, get a taste of rattlesnake meat and purchase snakeskin accessories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the annual Mangum Rattlesnake Derby and Flea Market is recognized by the State of Oklahoma as one of the many unique and successful annual attractions in the state.

THAT the 35th annual derby, the first Mangum Rattlesnake Derby and Flea Market of the 21st century, will be held April 28-30, 2000, in Mangum, Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of Mangum, the Directors of the Shortgrass Rattlesnake Association, Inc., and the President of the Mangum Chamber of Commerce.

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