STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 25

By: Monson of the Senate

and

Cox of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating May 1-8, 2001, "Environmental Education Week" in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, environmental education methods promote critical thinking skills by educating citizens from diverse audiences and enabling them to become responsible stakeholders empowered in environmental stewardship, while ensuring that environmental education is scientifically and educationally sound and representative of a range of different perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Education Week activities are being organized by the Greater Washington (D.C.) Urban League with support from the Environmental Education Training and Partnership (EETAP), a national consortium of education organizations created to increase the capacity of education professionals who can deliver quality environmental education through America's schools, nature centers, businesses, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington (D.C.) Urban League, as one of EETAP's five managing partners, has the role to build an environmental education infrastructure within the affiliates of the National Urban League and to promote inclusion of all ethnic groups while building capacity to increase the number of minorities in the

environmental field on the local, state, regional, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating and the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus are promoting May 1-8, 2001, as "Environmental Education Week" in conjunction with activities planned by the Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP), a program funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Environmental Education; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the week's events, "Inclusion: Environmental Education for Everyday People", reflects the goal of educating all citizens about the impact of their lifestyles on the environment, while insuring that all ethnic groups contribute to the environmental discussion; and

WHEREAS, these events are designed to showcase environmental education's role in academic reform and improved student learning. Educators, community leaders, and members of the public will be able to learn more about environmental issues that affect their health and quality of life as well as learn ways for taking positive action to protect the environmental quality of their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates May 1-8, 2001, "Environmental Education Week" in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, the Greater Washington (D.C.) Urban League, Inc., and the Environmental Education Training and Partnership (EETAP).

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