

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1045

By: Wilson

A Resolution requesting the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to hold certain public hearings; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Spring Creek, located in Mayes, Delaware and Cherokee counties, has long held the reputation as one of the most pristine and best remaining examples of an Ozark smallmouth bass stream in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Spring Creek provided a benchmark for studies done by Oklahoma State University on which organisms such a stream in its natural condition should contain; and

WHEREAS, the majority of landowners along Spring Creek have taken great pride in this natural resource, going above and beyond the letter of the law with additional cattle fencing, plantings, and other efforts to control erosion and aid water quality; and

WHEREAS, the local community is highly interested and vocal in all decisions concerning Spring Creek made by the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation recently awarded a permit to stock non-native trout in Spring Creek; and

WHEREAS, the local community was not aware of any public hearing held prior to the granting of said permit; and

WHEREAS, the local community believes there are important issues that should have a public discussion before any action is taken involving Spring Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives calls on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to hold several local, well-publicized community hearings prior to the renewal of any permit involving Spring Creek.

THAT copies of this Resolution be distributed to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and to each member of the Oklahoma Wildlife Commission.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 10th day of May,
2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives