

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 42

By: Nichols and Hobson

A Resolution designating March 11, 2004, "Oklahoma Mesonet Day" in the State of Oklahoma; thanking Dr. Ken Crawford and Dr. Ron Elliott; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Mesonet, a world-class network of more than 100 environmental monitoring stations, was designed and implemented by scientists and engineers at the University of Oklahoma and at Oklahoma State University and is operated by the Oklahoma Climatological Survey. Dr. Ken Crawford of the University of Oklahoma and Dr. Ron Elliott of Oklahoma State University provided the leadership at their individual institutions of higher education to design and implement the Oklahoma Mesonet; and

WHEREAS, the dividends of the Oklahoma Mesonet have been to improve weather forecasting, management of drought, water resources, agriculture, energy, environmental quality, education, and public safety. The Oklahoma Mesonet has brought millions of dollars in research funds and economic opportunities to the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Mesonet is the premier network of its kind in the world, as recognized by national and international forums, including Harvard University's Innovation in American Government Award; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma recognizes the importance of the indispensable services and economic benefits that the Oklahoma Mesonet provides for the State of Oklahoma and its citizenry.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates Thursday, March 11, 2004, "Oklahoma Mesonet Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Dr. Ken Crawford and Dr. Ron Elliott for their contributions to the Oklahoma Mesonet.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Ken Crawford of the University of Oklahoma and Dr. Ron Elliott of Oklahoma State University.

Adopted by the Senate the 10th day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate