

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 59

By: Rabon

A Resolution congratulating Jason Archie for catching a state-record brown trout; commending the Department of Wildlife Conservation for turning the Lower Mountain Fork River into a world-class trout fishery; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, although airframe mechanic Jason Archie can travel throughout the United States and fish in the most famous streams in the country, he prefers fishing the Lower Mountain Fork River in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, where he has fished "from the Narrows to the Presbyterian Falls"; and

WHEREAS, on a Sunday afternoon in April 2005, Jason Archie was fishing south of the old dam when two other older fishermen advised him to get a different rod and reel in order to catch more trout. Within minutes he caught two walleye and a three-pound brown trout. Then the big one hit; and

WHEREAS, after a 35-minute struggle using a 10-pound test line, the 36-year-old jet engine mechanic landed a 17-pound, 4-ounce brown trout. Jason Archie had set a new state record; and

WHEREAS, the previous state record on the Lower Mountain Fork River weighed 9 pounds and 12 ounces in 2003. In 1966 a rainbow trout weighing 10 pounds and 4 ounces was caught in the Illinois River; and

WHEREAS, the fish was weighed on certified scales in Hochatown and witnessed by game ranger Kenny Lawson of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Department fisheries experts have been stocking the river with trout and were happy to help process the paperwork to establish a new state record; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that he set a new state record, self-proclaimed "river rat" Jason Archie doesn't believe the record will last very long. He has seen bigger trout in the river. And he intends to catch them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Jason Archie for catching a state-record, 17-pound, 4-ounce brown trout.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the Department of Wildlife Conservation for turning the Lower Mountain Fork River into a world-class trout fishery.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Broken Bow native Jason Archie and the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate