STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 96 By: Morgan

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the Oklahoma Master Gardener program; designating April 19, 2006, "Master Gardener Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol; urging the people of Oklahoma to take advantage of Oklahoma State University Extension Services; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Master Gardener program started in 1978 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and is part of their Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Master Gardener program started in one county and has spread to 33 chapters serving all 77 counties where they have been recognized by such organizations as OKC Beautiful, "Friends of the Parks", and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, every Master Gardener volunteers 20 hours of community service each year and also attains 20 hours of education to maintain certified status; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Master Gardener program has certified more than 3,800 Master Gardeners, who have dedicated over 280,000 hours of community service valued at over $5 million, or the equivalent of 5,000 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Master Gardeners have reached over 1.2 million Oklahomans through telephone responses, office visits, and over 1,500 educational programs taught by certified Master Gardeners; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2006, Oklahoma Master Gardeners will be visiting their State Capitol in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate is pleased to recognize the Oklahoma Master Gardener program and its more than 28 years serving the botanical and horticultural needs of Oklahomans.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates April 19, 2006, "Master Gardener Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and welcomes all Master Gardeners to their State Capitol.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate urges the people of the State of Oklahoma to take advantage of the services of the Oklahoma Master Gardener program and all Oklahoma State University Extension Services.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Dale Maronek, David Hillock, Bill Geer, and Ray Ridlen of the Oklahoma State University Extension Service.

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