

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 46

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A Resolution commending the public career of Greg Duffy; thanking Greg Duffy for his dedicated service to the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, under Greg Duffy's leadership, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation has moved forward on conservation issues and greatly expanded Oklahoma's sporting opportunities for hunters and anglers; and

WHEREAS, Greg Duffy began his career with the Wildlife Department as an hourly fisheries worker in 1971. He was hired full-time in 1974 as a waterfowl biologist. In 1977, Greg Duffy began work as a wildlife and lands biologist for Eufaula, McClellan-

Kerr Navigation System, Fort Gibson, and Okmulgee Wildlife Management Areas; and

WHEREAS, Greg Duffy began serving the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in an administrative capacity in 1979 when he accepted the position of Assistant Chief of the Wildlife Division. He was promoted to Division Chief in 1988 and to Department Director in 1993; and

WHEREAS, anglers have enjoyed an expansion of our state's trout and paddlefish programs, as well as increased urban fishing opportunities. Thousands of anglers have been introduced to angling through our Aquatic Resources Education Program. The Division's lakes and streams programs are focused on habitat and increased angler opportunities; and

WHEREAS, hunters have experienced a growth in hunting opportunities through new and expanded seasons and through cooperative habitat programs with private landowners. Hunting opportunities for youth have expanded as well through new seasons and access; and

WHEREAS, hunters have benefited from continued cooperative agreements with large landowners, such as Weyerhaeuser and Hancock in southeast Oklahoma. Expanded hunting opportunities through the purchase of thousands of acres of new wildlife management areas include the completion of one of the most ambitious restoration projects in the nation – Hackberry Flat Wildlife Management Area; and

WHEREAS, the agency's Law Enforcement Division has enforced the state's wildlife laws and provided an important partner to ethical sportsmen in the field; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Wildlife Expo has grown into the state's largest outdoor recreation event, introducing tens of thousands of Oklahomans to outdoor recreation, and tying with Texas for having the largest Expo attendance in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Greg Duffy has received the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Director's Conservation Award. The award was presented to Duffy by Benjamin Tuggle, Regional Director for the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The award has been presented to only two other individuals; and

WHEREAS, Greg Duffy will be retiring after 38 years of service to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, including 16 years as the Director. Greg Duffy is the longest-serving Wildlife Director in our state's history and is the second-longest-serving Wildlife Director in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the public career of Greg Duffy which has greatly enriched the quality of life of all Oklahomans.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Greg Duffy for his dedicated service to the State of Oklahoma and extends its best wishes upon the occasion of his retirement from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Greg Duffy, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate