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SENATE
RESOLUTION 38 By: Fields

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A Resolution proclaiming 2012 as the "Year of Cooperatives" in Oklahoma and encouraging citizens to celebrate the "International Year of Cooperatives".

WHEREAS, 2012 has been designated the "International Year of the Cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives are member-owned and controlled businesses that operate for the mutual benefit of members and for more than a century have been a vital part of the Oklahoma and world economies; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives operate in every county in Oklahoma and across all sectors of the Oklahoma and U.S. economies and include agricultural, financial, credit, energy, telecommunications, food distribution and retailing, childcare, purchasing, housing, and healthcare cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, cooperative businesses provide jobs, contribute to the local and global economy, and enhance the quality of life for those in our individual communities, our state, throughout the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 29,000 cooperatives in the United States, which generate 2 million jobs, contribute to the U.S. economy with annual sales of $652 billion and possess assets of $3 trillion; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperatives Council, Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, and the Credit Union Association of Oklahoma are statewide trade associations dedicated to serving the needs of their member cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, worldwide, over 800 million people are members of cooperatives and with Oklahoma cooperative members serving a combined constituency of more than 1.5 million people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, in proclaiming 2012 as the "Year of Cooperatives" in Oklahoma and encourages all citizens to celebrate the "International Year of Cooperatives" through activities that promote cooperatives, raise public awareness of the contributions of cooperatives to economic development and strengthening communities, and promote the formation and growth of cooperatives.

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