

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1062

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution declaring Oklahoma Cooperative Extension
9 Service Day; and directing distribution.
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11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service began with
12 the passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 to provide agricultural
13 education and respond to local needs, then expanded its role to help
14 Oklahomans solve local issues and concerns, promote leadership and
15 manage resources wisely; and

16 WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Service focuses on increasing
17 opportunities for agricultural enterprises, natural resources and
18 environmental management, food, nutrition, health and safety
19 education, and youth, family and community development; and

20 WHEREAS, all 77 counties in Oklahoma partner with the
21 Cooperative Extension Service to identify local issues and needs
22 that the specialists, agents, support staff, and volunteers of the
23 Service can address; and
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1 WHEREAS, the partnership between Oklahoma State University and
2 counties embodies the true meaning of a partnership by combining
3 resources and knowledge and extending it to the people of this state
4 wherever they live and work; and

5 WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Service helps sustain the
6 profitability of agricultural and forestry production, while
7 enhancing and protecting the quality of our land and water
8 resources; and

9 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Master Gardener volunteer programs support
10 agriculture and natural resources programs by providing
11 horticultural and residential water-quality protection information
12 to citizens through a variety of educational programs; and

13 WHEREAS, the Family and Consumer Sciences programs focus on
14 human development, food, nutrition and health and family financial
15 management and provides educational opportunities for families to
16 become healthier, more productive citizens who contribute to social
17 and economic stability; and

18 WHEREAS, the 4-H Youth Development programs invest in the future
19 by creating opportunities for youth to develop their personal
20 leadership skills, contribute to their communities, and strengthen
21 other important life skills through a strong science-based
22 curriculum; and

23 WHEREAS, the vitality of today's Cooperative Extension Service
24 as well as its national reputation as a well-known and sought-out

1 educational resource can be credited to the men and women of vision
2 who accepted the challenge in 1914 to create the extension service
3 system in Oklahoma.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

6 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby declares May
7 8, 2014, as "Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Day",
8 celebrating 100 years of working one-on-one, side-by-side with the
9 farmers and families of Oklahoma solving everyday challenges and
10 local issues.

11 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
12 Cooperative Extension Service and the President of Oklahoma State
13 University.

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