

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 69

By: Justice

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution applauding the work and dedication of
8 the ODAFF's Investigative Services Division;
9 commending the career and service of ODAFF Chief
10 Agent Jerry Flowers; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and
12 Forestry's (ODAFF) Investigative Services Division investigates
13 agriculture crimes ranging from the theft of livestock, agriculture
14 equipment and timber to wild land fire arson; and

15 WHEREAS, cattle theft is a serious crime that has become more
16 prevalent in Oklahoma. The most common thieves are meth addicts who
17 sneak onto ranches and farms to steal cows, worth around \$1,000.00 a
18 head, and then sell them at auction for money; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Agent Jerry Flowers of the ODAFF Investigative
20 Services Division and his nine special agents are dedicated to
21 taking down cattle thieves, patrolling Oklahoma's vast prairies and
22 cattle ranches; and

23 WHEREAS, Flowers' Division recently made national news when
24 they apprehended former ranch hands David Wallace and Larry "Snag"

1 Smith who are accused of stealing 100 cows, worth \$100,000.00, from
2 Oklahoma Rancher and former "The Amazing Race" contestant, Jet
3 McCoy; and

4 WHEREAS, since 2007, the Division has investigated an average of
5 just over 200 cases annually; and

6 WHEREAS, since 2009, the Investigative Services Division has
7 filed an average of over 380 felony counts each year; and

8 WHEREAS, under Chief Agent Flowers' leadership, the Division
9 solved 242 cases and recovered more than \$957,000.00 worth of
10 property and livestock in 2013 for Oklahoma farmers and ranchers;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, this year, the Division has investigated 55 new cases,
13 filed 69 felony counts for agriculture-related crimes and recovered
14 more than \$726,000.00 in stolen cattle and agriculture equipment;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Agent Jerry Flowers has 40 years of experience in
17 law enforcement, having worked for the Oklahoma City Police
18 Department for 34 years, retiring as Senior Detective in the
19 Criminal Intelligence Unit and Senior Hostage Negotiator for the
20 Tactical Response Team. He then joined ODAFF's Investigative
21 Services Division in July 2008 as Captain and became the Chief Agent
22 in January 2013; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Agent Flowers is a lifetime member and has served
24 both as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the

1 Oklahoma Gang Investigators Association and was a member of numerous
2 other gang-related associations. He has 21 years of experience in
3 gang investigations and is qualified in federal and state courts as
4 a street gang expert witness; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2001, Chief Agent Flowers was assigned to the FBI's
6 Joint Terrorism Task Force, Oklahoma City Office, to investigate
7 domestic- and U.S.-related international terrorism and was deputized
8 as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal with top secret clearance; and

9 WHEREAS, as a certified instructor, Flowers has provided
10 training to the Oklahoma City Police Training Academy, Oklahoma
11 Highway Patrol Academy, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and
12 Dangerous Drugs Control, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Drug
13 Enforcement Administration Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the U.S.
14 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and other state
15 and federal law enforcement agencies.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
17 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds the work and dedication
19 of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry's
20 Investigative Services Division to protecting Oklahoma's
21 agricultural community.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the 40-year law
23 enforcement career and dedicated service of ODAFF Chief Agent Jerry
24 Flowers to the State of Oklahoma.

1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Commissioner of
2 Agriculture Jim Reese; ODAFF Chief Agent Jerry Flowers; Special
3 Agents Patrick Blake, Paul Cornett, Donnie Crain, Eddie Davenport,
4 Dusty Goforth, Terry Gregg, Michael Hooper, Ricky Rushing and Eddie
5 Virden; Auditor Jeff Scott and Administrative Assistant Marie
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