

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 2

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution stating that Black Vultures
8 have caused depredation in the cattle industry;
9 stating Black Vultures are protected species;
10 describing an insufficient process to address the
11 depredation; urging the Animal and Plant Health
12 Inspection Service to ease restrictions and
13 limitations; and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, Black Vultures (*coragyps atratus*) have caused proven
15 and documented depredation in the cattle industry specifically
16 preying on newborn calves, and

17 WHEREAS, Black Vultures are protected under the federal
18 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, administered by the United States Fish
19 and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and

20 WHEREAS, A Take Permit is available to producers through the
21 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United
22 States Department of Agriculture; however, the permit process is not
23 sufficient to address needs in specific areas where depredation has
24 increased.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges APHIS to ease the
5 restrictions and limitations of the process for the Take Permit and
6 to increase the number of birds allowed under the Take Permit
7 specific to areas where birds are preying upon calves.

8 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to all Oklahoma
9 Congressional offices, the USFWS, the APHIS and to the Oklahoma
10 Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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