

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 38

By: Burns

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the economic impact of the
Valliant Containerboard Mill in southeastern Oklahoma
and its importance to the surrounding communities.

WHEREAS, International Paper's Valliant Containerboard Mill
began operations in 1971. When construction began, the mill was
only expected to operate for 15 years as the local timber resources
were not expected to last; and

WHEREAS, the Valliant Mill is now the largest employer in
southeastern Oklahoma, providing 870 jobs to citizens in the area
and successfully operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365
days a year to produce containerboard used in the production of
corrugated packaging; and

WHEREAS, as the largest paper mill in International Paper's
fleet, the Valliant Mill improves the quality of life in the
communities where their employees work and live; and

WHEREAS, the mill supports other jobs in the community,
employing five additional individuals in supporting industries per

1 paper mill employee including jobs in forestry, transportation,
2 hospitality, and contracting; and

3 WHEREAS, the Valliant Mill makes direct investments in
4 southeastern Oklahoma communities, having donated approximately
5 \$145,000 to schools, community organizations, civic groups, and
6 local events in 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, the mill commits to sustainability by executing
8 traditional strategies such as reusing old, corrugated containers in
9 the fiber mix for new containerboard as well as innovative methods
10 of turning excess bark into power and reusing water up to seven
11 times within the paper making process. The amount of energy self-
12 generated through this biomass process creates enough energy to
13 power 45,000 homes; and

14 WHEREAS, the Valliant Containerboard Mill was recognized by the
15 Idabel Chamber of Commerce as the Industry of the Year winner in
16 2021; and

17 WHEREAS, thanks to forestry initiatives and Oklahoma's valuable
18 and thriving hardwood and loblolly pine forests, the mill completed
19 its 50th year of continuous operations in 2021.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
21 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the economic impact of
23 the Valliant Containerboard Mill in southeastern Oklahoma and its
24 importance to the surrounding communities.

1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Valliant
2 Containerboard Mill.

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