

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 SENATE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 4

 By: Stephens of the Senate

 and

 Wallace of the House

8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the conservation
10 of fish and wildlife resources; and encouraging
11 Oklahomans to teach hunting and angling to youth.

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14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's history of hunting and angling can be traced
15 to before statehood; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife Conservation manages and
17 protects fish, wildlife, and their habitats, while also growing the
18 community of hunters and anglers, partnering with outdoorsmen, and
19 fostering stewardship with caretakers of the land; and

20 WHEREAS, hunting, angling, and shooting sports are the primary
21 source of funding for conservation efforts across North America; and

22 WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife Conservation receives no
23 general tax revenues and has an annual budget of approximately \$61.5
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1 million that is generated from annual hunting and fishing license
2 sales; and

3 WHEREAS, sportsmen and sportswomen contribute to local economies
4 and support small businesses through recreational shooting and
5 purchasing hunting and fishing equipment, lodging, and other travel-
6 related costs.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
8 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the contributions
11 of Oklahoma sportsmen and sportswomen to fish and wildlife
12 conservation.

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages Oklahomans to
14 teach hunting and angling to youth in the state to pass on practices
15 that will protect our natural resources, land, wildlife, and fish,
16 for generations to come.

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