

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT

3 RESOLUTION NO. 1014

By: Hefner and Archer of the  
House

and

Nice of the Senate

8 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the impact of  
9 light pollution's impact on bird mortality;  
10 encouraging Oklahoma businesses, state agencies,  
11 organizations, and residents to turn off any exterior  
12 lighting during the high migration intensity months  
13 of April, May, September, and October.

14 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Animal Coalition  
15 aim to provide birds safe passage during migration periods by  
16 reducing light pollution, as well as building and glass collisions,  
17 through the Lights Out Oklahoma campaign; and

18 WHEREAS, birds help with the control of pests, carrion  
19 regulation, pollination, and seed dispersal while adding beauty and  
20 connecting people to nature and the outdoors; and

21 WHEREAS, birdwatching is an economic driver in the State of  
22 Oklahoma and is a fun, relaxing, multigenerational, educational, and  
23 wellness activity for all; and

1       WHEREAS, a wide diversity of birds in Oklahoma indicates a  
2 healthy environment; and

3       WHEREAS, Oklahoma is part of the Central Flyway through which  
4 approximately 400 different species of birds migrate during the  
5 spring and fall; and

6       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma state bird, the scissor-tailed flycatcher,  
7 is one of the many species of birds that migrate to our state to  
8 nest and rear their young; and

9       WHEREAS, most birds migrate at night, navigate by using the  
10 stars and moon, and can become disoriented by bright artificial  
11 light and sky glow, resulting in exhaustion and deadly collisions  
12 with buildings, glass, power lines, and vehicles; and

13       WHEREAS, collisions with buildings is one of the top causes of  
14 mortality of birds in the United States; and

15       WHEREAS, the Lights Out Oklahoma program strategy is aimed to  
16 persuade building owners and managers and homeowners to turn off  
17 exterior lighting on all buildings at night during the high  
18 migration intensity months of April, May, September, and October;  
19 and

20       WHEREAS, these measures save energy and money and protect birds  
21 migrating to nesting grounds in the spring and wintering grounds in  
22 the fall; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma joins the international community and states including Texas, Colorado, Kansas, and Florida in sponsoring Lights Out projects to protect birds during migration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports reducing bird mortality in the area and encourages Oklahoma businesses, state agencies, organizations, and residents to turn off any exterior lighting during the high migration intensity months of April, May, September, and October.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April,  
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the            day of            , 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate