

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1014

By: Hefner and Archer of the
House

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the impact of
light pollutions impact on bird mortality;
encouraging 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.

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

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

1 WHEREAS, birdwatching is an economic driver in the State of
2 Oklahoma and is a fun, relaxing, multigenerational, educational and
3 wellness activity for all; and

4 WHEREAS, a wide diversity of birds in Oklahoma indicates a
5 healthy environment; and

6 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is part of the central flyway through which
7 approximately 400 different species of birds migrate during the
8 spring and fall; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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