

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 4

By: Stephens of the Senate

and

Wallace of the House

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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