

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 5

By: Allen, Dossett (J.J.),  
Jett, Bullard and Bergstrom  
of the Senate

and

Wallace, Frix and Luttrell  
of the House

8 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging Oklahoma public  
9 schools to incorporate the Oklahoma Department of  
10 Wildlife Conservation-approved hunter education  
11 course into their middle or high school curriculums;  
12 and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is blessed with abundant resources and  
14 tremendous natural beauty. The state's wildlife resources have  
15 provided a source of food for generations of Oklahomans, as well as  
16 ample opportunity for Oklahomans to enjoy hunting with their  
17 families and friends; and

18 WHEREAS, hunting provides Oklahomans with opportunities to  
19 connect with the land and wildlife and develop a deeper  
20 understanding of, and appreciation for, the link between  
21 professional science-based management actions that result in healthy  
22 habitats, abundant wildlife and an increased gratitude for the  
23 resources that the state's ecosystems can provide; and

1       WHEREAS, Oklahoma's hunters generate nearly \$10 million in  
2 license revenue while sportsmen contribute an additional \$17 million  
3 in excise taxes through the Pittman-Robertson Act to help fund the  
4 conservation of Oklahoma's wildlife resources through the American  
5 System of Conservation Funding while significantly contributing to  
6 Oklahoma's economy; and

7       WHEREAS, the challenges associated with the 2020 coronavirus  
8 pandemic shed new light on the importance of outdoor recreation  
9 opportunities like hunting for mental and physical health, self-  
10 reliance and the overall quality of life for all Oklahomans; and

11       WHEREAS, anyone under the age of 30 who is interested in  
12 participating in Oklahoma's rich hunting heritage is required to  
13 either purchase an apprentice-designated hunting license or  
14 participate in and complete a hunter education curriculum that is  
15 recognized and approved by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife  
16 Conservation; and

17       WHEREAS, the Hunter Education curriculum recognized and approved  
18 by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation covers a variety  
19 of topics including firearms safety, wildlife conservation and  
20 management and hunter responsibilities that are designed to increase  
21 hunter safety and educate hunters on the conservation ethic that is  
22 central to the activity; and

23       WHEREAS, Oklahoma statute already permits school districts  
24 throughout Oklahoma to incorporate hunter education into middle

1 school or high school curriculum utilizing free educator training  
2 and resources made available by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife  
3 Conservation.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
5 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages Oklahoma's public  
8 school districts to incorporate hunter education, with a dedicated  
9 section focused on firearm safety, into the middle school or high  
10 school curriculum.

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages students who do not  
12 have access to hunter education in school, or any adult interested  
13 in obtaining a hunter education certification, to utilize the online  
14 hunter education program approved and administered by the Oklahoma  
15 Department of Wildlife Conservation.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma  
17 Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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1 Adopted by the Senate the 16th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2021.

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10 of Representatives