

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 3

By: Brecheen of the Senate

and

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6 A Concurrent Resolution stating that Black Vultures
7 have caused depredation in the cattle industry;
8 stating Black Vultures are protected species;
9 describing an insufficient process to address the
10 depredation; urging the Animal and Plant Health
11 Inspection Service to ease restrictions and
12 limitations; and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, Black Vultures (*coragyps atratus*) have caused proven
13 and documented depredation in the cattle industry specifically
14 preying on newborn calves; and

15 WHEREAS, Black Vultures are protected under the federal
16 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, administered by the United States Fish
17 and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and

18 WHEREAS, A Take Permit is available to producers through the
19 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United
20 States Department of Agriculture; however, the permit process is not
21 sufficient to address needs in specific areas where depredation has
22 increased.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the Animal and Plant
5 Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of
6 Agriculture to ease the restrictions and limitations of the process
7 for the Take Permit and to increase the number of birds allowed
8 under the Take Permit specific to areas where birds are preying upon
9 calves.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to all Oklahoma
11 Congressional offices, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
12 (USFWS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and
13 to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

14 Adopted by the Senate the 13th day of March, 2017.

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17 Presiding Officer of the Senate

18 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
19 2017.

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