

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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By: Senators Teague, U. Lindsey

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO DESIGNATE THE ARKANSAURUS FRIDAYI AS THE OFFICIAL  
STATE DINOSAUR.

### Subtitle

TO DESIGNATE THE ARKANSAURUS FRIDAYI AS  
THE OFFICIAL STATE DINOSAUR.

WHEREAS, for public and educational benefits, the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Arkansas will select an official state dinosaur from *the known population of dinosaurs represented in Arkansas's fossil record: Arkansaurus, sauropod dinosaur, and theropod dinosaur tracks of currently uncertain taxonomic affiliation; and*

WHEREAS, from these species, the *Arkansaurus fridayi* shall be selected, since it is unique to the State of Arkansas, brings recognition to the State of Arkansas, and promotes an interest in paleontology in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, by designating an official state dinosaur, Arkansas would join nine (9) other states in the country with a unique designation of an official state dinosaur; and

WHEREAS, the *Arkansaurus fridayi* was discovered in a gravel pit near the community of Lockesburg, Arkansas, in August 1972 by Joe B. Friday and studied by Professor James Harrison Quinn of the University of Arkansas in 1973 and by paleontologist *ReBecca Hunt* since 2003, and the official recognition of this dinosaur would provide valuable research and educational opportunities in our state; and



WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas shall declare an official state dinosaur for the first time in its history and for the tenth time in the history of *the United States of America; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas recognizes that "Arkansaurus fridayi" remains, for now, the unofficial name of the dinosaur; and*

WHEREAS, *Arkansaurus fridayi* shall be selected to represent the State of Arkansas in the small community of State Dinosaurs in the United States,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and designates the *Arkansaurus fridayi* as the official dinosaur of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the Arkansas Geological Survey, the University of Arkansas Department of Geosciences, and the mayor of Lockesburg, Arkansas, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

*/s/Leding*