

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 255

5 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REPLACE THE ARKANSAS STATUES IN THE  
9 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL COLLECTION; TO PLACE A STATUE  
10 HONORING HATTIE WYATT CARAWAY IN THE NATIONAL  
11 STATUARY HALL COLLECTION; TO PLACE A STATUE HONORING  
12 JAMES C. MORRIS IN THE NATIONAL STATUARY HALL  
13 COLLECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO REPLACE THE ARKANSAS STATUES IN THE  
17 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL COLLECTION; AND TO  
18 PLACE A STATUE HONORING HATTIE WYATT  
19 CARAWAY AND A STATUE HONORING JAMES C.  
20 MORRIS IN THE NATIONAL STATUARY HALL  
21 COLLECTION.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended  
28 to add an additional section read as follows:

29 1-4-134. Arkansas's contribution to the National Statuary Hall  
30 Collection – Legislative findings and intent.

31 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

32 (1) Pursuant to an act of the United States Congress, Arkansas  
33 is entitled to have placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the  
34 United States Capitol statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two (2) in  
35 number, of deceased persons who were citizens of Arkansas, and illustrious  
36 for their historic renown, or for distinguished civil or military service,



1 whom Arkansas deems to be worthy of this national commemoration;

2 (2) Arkansas has two (2) statues presently displayed in the  
3 National Statuary Hall Collection, one (1) dedicated to U. M. Rose by Senate  
4 Concurrent Resolution No. 6, Acts 1915, p. 1486, and one (1) dedicated to  
5 James P. Clarke by Acts 1917, No. 58;

6 (3) Agreement by the General Assembly is required by federal law  
7 to replace the existing statue of U. M. Rose and the existing statue of James  
8 P. Clarke with a statue of Hattie Wyatt Caraway and a statue of James C.  
9 Morris;

10 (4) Hattie Wyatt Caraway, a citizen of Arkansas, was the first  
11 woman elected to the United States Senate, and upon her election, became a  
12 woman of firsts: the first to chair a United States Senate committee, the  
13 first to run a United States Senate hearing, and the first to preside over  
14 the United States Senate;

15 (5) Hattie Wyatt Caraway served Arkansas through distinguished  
16 civil service and made historic contributions to our state and country;

17 (6) James C. Morris, known professionally as "Jimmy Driftwood",  
18 a citizen of Arkansas, was a prolific American folk music singer, songwriter,  
19 musician, and environmentalist who chronicled history through his music and  
20 helped to preserve Arkansas's natural resources; and

21 (7) James C. Morris, known professionally as "Jimmy Driftwood",  
22 made historic contributions to the musical history of our state and country,  
23 and fought to preserve the Buffalo River as a National River and to preserve  
24 Blanchard Springs Caverns as the only tourist cave administered by the United  
25 States Forest Service.

26 (b) The General Assembly finds and resolves that the statue of U. M.  
27 Rose and the statue of James P. Clarke located in the National Statuary Hall  
28 Collection in the United States Capitol should be removed and replaced with a  
29 statue of Hattie Wyatt Caraway and a statue of James C. Morris.

30 (c) The Secretary of State shall:

31 (1) Submit to the person responsible for the National Statuary  
32 Hall Collection in the United States Capitol a written request to approve the  
33 replacement of both of the statues commemorating the distinguished service of  
34 notable citizens of Arkansas and provided by the State of Arkansas currently  
35 on display in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States  
36 Capitol;

1           (2) Provide all documentation necessary to comply with federal  
2 law regarding the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States  
3 Capitol;

4           (3) Enter into all agreements required by federal law to replace  
5 both of the statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United  
6 States Capitol; and

7           (4) Coordinate with the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission to  
8 facilitate the statue replacement process.

9           (d) The General Assembly designates the following citizens of Arkansas  
10 to be represented in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United  
11 States Capitol:

12           (1) Hattie Wyatt Caraway; and

13           (2) James C. Morris.

14           (e) For either statue or for both statues to be displayed in the  
15 National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol, the Capitol  
16 Arts and Grounds Commission shall:

17           (1) Receive funds for the completion, transport, display, and  
18 maintenance of the statue representing Hattie Wyatt Caraway under subdivision  
19 (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing James C. Morris under  
20 subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both, including:

21           (A) Appropriations; and

22           (B) Private gifts, grants, and donations from individuals  
23 and organizations;

24           (2) Solicit funds, if necessary, for the completion, transport,  
25 display, and maintenance of the statue representing Hattie Wyatt Caraway  
26 under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing James C.  
27 Morris under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both;

28           (3) Select a sculptor to create the statue representing Hattie  
29 Wyatt Caraway under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue  
30 representing James C. Morris under subdivision (d)(2) of this section or  
31 both;

32           (4) Enter into all necessary contracts for the completion,  
33 transport, display, and maintenance of the statue representing Hattie Wyatt  
34 Caraway under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing  
35 James C. Morris under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both;

36           (5) Approve the design, material, production, and method of

1 display of the statue representing Hattie Wyatt Caraway under subdivision  
2 (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing James C. Morris under  
3 subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both;

4 (6) Remove and relocate the existing statue representing U. M.  
5 Rose and the existing statue representing James P. Clarke; and

6 (7) Organize an event unveiling the statue representing Hattie  
7 Wyatt Caraway and the statue representing James C. Morris.

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