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4
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 75

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REPLACE THE ARKANSAS STATUES AT THE
9 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL; TO PLACE A STATUE HONORING
10 DAISY LEE GATSON BATES IN THE NATIONAL STATUARY HALL;
11 TO PLACE A STATUE HONORING JOHN R. "JOHNNY" CASH IN
12 THE NATIONAL STATUARY HALL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO REPLACE THE ARKANSAS STATUES AT THE
17 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL; TO PLACE A STATUE
18 HONORING DAISY LEE GATSON BATES IN THE
19 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL; TO PLACE A STATUE
20 HONORING JOHN R. "JOHNNY" CASH IN THE
21 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended
27 to add an additional section read as follows:

28 1-4-134. Arkansas's contribution to National Statuary Hall Collection
29 - Legislative findings and intent.

30 (a) The General assembly finds that:

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



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

5 (3) Agreement by the General Assembly is required by federal law
6 to replace the existing statues of U.M. Rose and James P. Clarke with statues
7 of Daisy Lee Gatson Bates and John R. "Johnny" Cash;

8 (4) Daisy Lee Gatson Bates, a citizen of Arkansas, served as a
9 civil rights activist, writer, and publisher who worked and documented the
10 struggle to end segregation in Arkansas;

11 (5) Daisy Lee Gatson Bates is an inspiration through her
12 lifelong career of social activism and her dedication to ending segregation
13 in Arkansas;

14 (6) John R. "Johnny" Cash, a citizen of Arkansas, is a legendary
15 musician, who sold over ninety million (90,000,000) records, is one of the
16 few people to be recognized in both the Country Music Hall of Fame and the
17 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and who received numerous awards for his work;
18 and

19 (7) John R. "Johnny" Cash articulated the story of his life in
20 Arkansas through his music and made historic contributions to the musical
21 history of our state and country.

22 (b) The General Assembly finds and resolves that the statues of U.M.
23 Rose and James P. Clarke located in the National Statuary Hall Collection in
24 the United States Capitol should be removed and replaced with statues of
25 Daisy Lee Gatson Bates and John R. "Johnny" Cash.

26 (c) The Secretary of State shall:

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

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

36 (3) Enter into all agreements required by federal law to replace

1 both of the statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United
2 States Capitol; and

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

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

8 (1) Daisy Lee Gatson Bates; and

9 (2) John R. "Johnny" Cash.

10 (e) For the statues to be displayed in the National Statuary Hall
11 Collection in the United States Capitol, the commission shall:

12 (1) Receive funds for the completion, transport, display, and
13 maintenance of the statue representing Daisy Lee Gatson Bates under
14 subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing John R.
15 "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both, including:

16 (A) Appropriations; and

17 (B) Private gifts, grants, and donations from individuals
18 and organizations;

19 (2) Solicit funds, if necessary, for the completion, transport,
20 display, and maintenance of the statue representing Daisy Lee Gatson Bates
21 under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing John R.
22 "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both;

23 (3) Select a sculptor to create the statue representing Daisy
24 Lee Gatson Bates under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or a sculptor to
25 create the statue representing John R. "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2)
26 of this section, or both;

27 (4) Enter into all necessary contracts for the completion,
28 transport, display, and maintenance of the statue representing Daisy Lee
29 Gatson Bates under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue
30 representing John R. "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2) of this section,
31 or both;

32 (5) Approve the design, material, production, and method of
33 display of the statue representing Daisy Lee Gatson Bates under subdivision
34 (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing John R. "Johnny" Cash under
35 subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both;

36 (6) Remove and relocate the existing statue representing U.M.

1 Rose and the statue representing James P. Clarke; and
2 (7) Organize an event unveiling the statue representing Daisy
3 Lee Gatson Bates and the statue representing John R. "Johnny" Cash.

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