

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE HONORABLE SENATOR JOE ELTON YATES TO BE THE
LAST KNOWN LIVING HILLBILLY IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND
SALUTING SENATOR YATES FOR HAVING ACHIEVED THIS HONOR AND
DISTINCTION.

WHEREAS, Arkansas is known as "The Natural State"; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Arkansas and the people of this
State to acknowledge to the world its natural assets; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas has not only been known as "The Natural State", it has
in the past been commonly referred to as the "Hillbilly State"; and

WHEREAS, the true hillbilly is now an endangered species in the State of
Arkansas and it is no longer appropriate to refer to Arkansas as the
"Hillbilly State"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is proud to count
among its number the one last remaining hillbilly in the entire State, to wit:
The Honorable Senator Joe Elton Yates, who hails from the Boston Mountains,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

That the Honorable Senator Joe Elton Yates is hereby recognized as and
proclaimed to be the last known living hillbilly in the State of Arkansas, and
that the members of the General Assembly hereby salute Senator Yates for
having achieved this high honor and distinction.