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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF ARKANSAS_ CONGRESSIONAL
9 DELEGATION TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO ALLOW
10 THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE TO REDUCE THE POPULATIONS OF
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14 **Subtitle**

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19 COMMERCIAL FISHING OR SPORT FISHING IN THIS STATE.

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21 WHEREAS, cormorants are fish eating birds which are protected under the
22 Migratory Bird Treaty; and

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24 WHEREAS, cormorants migrate through Arkansas and their population has
25 so increased that in some instances they are jeopardizing the commercial
26 fisheries and sport fishing; and

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28 WHEREAS, various groups of sport fishermen have contacted members of
29 the General Assembly requesting our assistance in dealing with the problem of
30 the cormorants_ eating so many of our bait fish that our sport fishing is
31 being significantly impacted; and

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33 WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed Act 575 in 1993 declaring the
34 double-crested cormorant to be a nuisance and requested the Arkansas Game and
35 Fish Commission to work with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the

1 Arkansas Congressional Delegation to permit fish farmers and owners of
2 private lakes to eliminate the birds under such terms as agreed upon by the
3 Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
4 and

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6 WHEREAS, that effort has not produced relief from the damage caused by
7 the cormorant; and

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9 WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is apparently granting
10 depredation permits only to commercial fisheries; and

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12 WHEREAS, the present situation demands additional efforts on the part
13 of the federal government.

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
17 OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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19 That the members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation are hereby
20 requested to do everything within their power to establish a mechanism to
21 allow the population of cormorants migrating through Arkansas to be reduced
22 when necessary to commercial fisheries or sport fishing in this state.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution that a copy
25 hereof be transmitted to each member of Arkansas_ Congressional Delegation.

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