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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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15 WOULD HELP PROVIDE EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO  
16 THE FIRE ANT PROBLEM.

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18 WHEREAS, fire ants have become a costly problem in Arkansas; and  
19 WHEREAS, any disturbance of a fire ant mound sends hundreds of workers  
20 out to attack anything that moves; and

21 WHEREAS, fire ants have a painful and sometimes dangerous sting and  
22 death has been known to result when toddlers fall on fire ant mounds and when  
23 adults have extreme allergic reactions; and

24 WHEREAS, fire ants cause problems for farmers, including the destruction  
25 of crops and damage to farming equipment; and

26 WHEREAS, the spread of fire ants has reduced the population of native  
27 ant species that are beneficial and can reduce or eliminate other insects,  
28 ground-nesting mammals and birds that are important to the food chain; and

29 WHEREAS, fire ants have multiplied in an alarming fashion and no  
30 effective poison or other remedy is available to stop their spread; and

31 WHEREAS, the spread of fire ants each year makes them a danger to many  
32 more people; and

33 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is not moving fast enough  
34 to address the fire ant problem and puts too many barriers on property owners  
35 who need to exterminate these ants.

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1 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the members of the Arkansas General Assembly hereby urge the  
6 members of the Arkansas congressional delegation to work to secure changes  
7 this year in Environmental Protection Agency policy to allow the citizens of  
8 the state measures to combat fire ant infestations. The members of the  
9 Arkansas congressional delegation are requested to keep the Department of  
10 Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas at Monticello informed about  
11 progress made toward addressing this problem, since the Department is working  
12 on the fire ant problem in the state.

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Clerk of the House of  
15 Representatives is requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to:  
16 U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers, U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson, U.S. Representative  
17 Marion Berry, U.S. Representative Jay Dickey, U.S. Representative Vic Snyder,  
18 and U.S. Representative Asa Hutchinson.

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*/s/Rep. Faris, et al*

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