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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
10 STUDY THE DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY CAUSED BY BEAVER  
11 OVERPOPULATION IN ARKANSAS AND ASKING THEM TO INITIATE  
12 A BEAVER ERADICATION AND CONTROL PROGRAM."

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14 **Subtitle**

15 "REQUESTING THE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
16 STUDY THE PROBLEM OF BEAVER  
17 OVERPOPULATION IN ARKANSAS AND INITIATE  
18 A BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM."  
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21 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reintroduced the beaver  
22 into Arkansas in the past to restore a native species to Arkansas and since  
23 its reintroduction, the beaver has successfully propagated and spread across  
24 much of the state to such an extent that it has now become a nuisance animal  
25 in many areas; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas and the various county governments in  
28 Arkansas have implemented numerous programs for beaver population control and  
29 eradication in past years which have met with only very limited success and  
30 did not address the beaver problem in an organized and focused manner; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has the scientific  
33 expertise of wildlife biologists and other naturalists on staff to study the  
34 impact of the beaver populations in the various regions of Arkansas and,  
35 especially, its impact on the private property of individual Arkansans; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has the necessary  
2 scientific expertise and manpower resources across much of the State of  
3 Arkansas to engage in a thorough study of the beaver population and the  
4 possible property damage which has been caused by beaver overpopulation in  
5 certain areas;

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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11           That the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is urged to undertake a  
12 thorough study of the beaver population in Arkansas and its possible impact  
13 and damage to the private property of individual Arkansans, including an  
14 estimation of the amount of damages which occur to private property each year  
15 as result of beaver overpopulation, and the Commission, following that study  
16 and review, is asked to develop and implement a program of eradication and  
17 control of nuisance beavers in areas where such damage to private property can  
18 be shown to be excessive and harmful;

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Game and Fish Commission shall report its  
21 findings on the beaver population problem and its estimate of the private  
22 property damage to the Arkansas Legislative Council on or before July 1, 2000  
23 in time for any recommendations for any proposed legislation to be prepared  
24 for the Eighty-Third General Assembly of Arkansas in January, 2001.