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5 By: Representatives Hathorn, *Rodgers*
6 By: Senator T. Smith

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO REQUEST THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH
11 COMMISSION TO REPAY ON A PRO-RATA BASIS LOCAL
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15 **Subtitle**

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23 WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission collects fines
24 through local governments; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission collected
27 approximately *six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000)* from game and
28 fish violation fines last year; and

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30 WHEREAS, local governments incur court and other costs associated in
31 the prosecution of game and fish violations; and

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33 WHEREAS, during the campaign to enact Arkansas Amendment 75, the
34 administration of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission conveyed to
35 county officials that the agency would return monies collected from game and
36 fish violations to the county where the collection occurred; and

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2 WHEREAS, it was later learned that it would be unconstitutional to
3 deposit funds collected from violations any place other than the Game
4 Protection Fund; and

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6 WHEREAS, no monies have been returned to the counties; and

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8 WHEREAS, if the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission develops a
9 conservation education module for all local schools, the amount of game and
10 fish violation fines collected from each county may be returned in the form
11 of funding for the conservation education module; and

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13 WHEREAS, Texas successfully utilizes a deer awareness and management
14 education module through its Cooperative Extension Service,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
18 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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20 That the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission is requested to
21 establish an individual hunting and fishing education module for each county
22 in Arkansas;

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding of each individual county education
25 module is to be in an amount equal to the fines collected by the county's
26 local government for game and fish violations.

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31 */s/ Hathorn, et al.*