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## 8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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20 WHEREAS, fishing is a sport enjoyed nationally and locally for its  
21 mental, physical and nutritional benefits; and  
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23 WHEREAS, many Arkansas residents, particularly those who reside in the  
24 area between Pine Bluff and Pendleton, are not allowed to fish on the banks  
25 of the Arkansas river and its "borrow pits"; and  
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27 WHEREAS, some Arkansans depend on fishing to supplement their families  
28 nutritional needs; and  
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30 WHEREAS, many of these same Arkansans are denied permits by people  
31 leasing lands on the river and are thereby denied equal access to the river;  
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34 WHEREAS, residents in other parts of Arkansas are not immune to the  
35 same unequal access; and  
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas River is not a privately owned river for the benefit of a few,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That a study is requested to be made by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission to determine: why residents are denied fishing privileges on the banks and the barrow pits of the Arkansas River from Pine Bluff to Pendelton, Arkansas as well as other areas; the legality of that denial under Arkansas law and the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission present the results of that study to the members of the Arkansas General Assembly no later than December 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is requested to formulate a plan to ensure that all residents be provided equal opportunity to enjoy the natural resource of Arkansas fish.