

1 State of Arkansas  
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5 By: Representatives Leding, Vaught, C. Fite, Collins, D. Whitaker, Burch, Watson  
6 By: Senators Teague, U. Lindsey

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO DESIGNATE THE ARKANSOSAURUS FRIDAYI AS THE OFFICIAL  
10 STATE DINOSAUR.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO DESIGNATE THE ARKANSOSAURUS FRIDAYI AS  
15 THE OFFICIAL STATE DINOSAUR.

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17 WHEREAS, for public and educational benefits, the Ninety-First General  
18 Assembly of the State of Arkansas will select an official state dinosaur from  
19 the known population of dinosaurs represented in Arkansas's fossil record:  
20 Arkansaurus, Paluxysaurus, and Acrocanthosaurus; and

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22 WHEREAS, from these species, the Arkansaurus fridayi shall be selected,  
23 since it is unique to the State of Arkansas, brings recognition to the State  
24 of Arkansas, and promotes an interest paleontology in Arkansas; and

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26 WHEREAS, by designating an official state dinosaur, Arkansas would join  
27 nine (9) other states in the country with a unique designation of an official  
28 state dinosaur; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Arkansaurus fridayi was discovered in a gravel pit near  
31 the community of Lockesburg, Arkansas, in August 1972 by Joe B. Friday and  
32 studied by Professor James Harrison Quinn of the University of Arkansas in  
33 1973, and the official recognition of this dinosaur would provide valuable  
34 research and educational opportunities in our state; and

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36 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas shall declare an official state dinosaur



1 for the first time in its history and for the tenth time in the history of  
2 the United States of America; and  
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4 WHEREAS, *Arkansaurus fridayi* shall be selected to represent the State  
5 of Arkansas in the small community of State Dinosaurs in the United States,  
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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:  
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11 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and designates the  
12 *Arkansaurus fridayi* as the official dinosaur of Arkansas.  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an  
15 appropriate copy shall be provided to the Arkansas Geological Survey, the  
16 University of Arkansas Department of Geosciences, and the mayor of  
17 Lockesburg, Arkansas, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.  
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