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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1798

5 By: Representative Wardlaw
6 By: Senator D. Wallace
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPLACE THE ARKANSAS STATUES AT THE
10 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL; TO PLACE A STATUE HONORING
11 DAISY LEE GATSON BATES IN THE NATIONAL STATUARY HALL;
12 TO PLACE A STATUE HONORING JOHN R. "JOHNNY" CASH IN
13 THE NATIONAL STATUARY HALL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 1-4-134. Arkansas's contribution to National Statuary Hall Collection
30 - Legislative findings and intent.

31 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

32 (1) Pursuant to an act of the United States Congress, Arkansas
33 is entitled to have placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the
34 United States Capitol statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two (2) in
35 number, of deceased persons who were citizens of Arkansas, and illustrious
36 for their historic renown, or for distinguished civil or military service,



1 whom Arkansas deems to be worthy of this national commemoration;

2 (2) Arkansas has two (2) statues presently displayed in the
3 National Statuary Hall Collection, one (1) dedicated to U.M. Rose by Senate
4 Concurrent Resolution No. 6, Acts 1915, p. 1486, and one (1) dedicated to
5 James P. Clarke by Acts 1917, No. 58;

6 (3) Agreement by the General Assembly is required by federal law
7 to replace the existing statues of U.M. Rose and James P. Clarke with statues
8 of Daisy Lee Gatson Bates and John R. "Johnny" Cash;

9 (4) Daisy Lee Gatson Bates, a citizen of Arkansas, served as a
10 civil rights activist, writer, and publisher who worked and documented the
11 struggle to end segregation in Arkansas;

12 (5) Daisy Lee Gatson Bates is an inspiration through her
13 lifelong career of social activism and her dedication to ending segregation
14 in Arkansas;

15 (6) John R. "Johnny" Cash, a citizen of Arkansas, is a legendary
16 musician, who sold over ninety million (90,000,000) records, is one of the
17 few people to be recognized in both the Country Music Hall of Fame and the
18 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and who received numerous awards for his work;
19 and

20 (7) John R. "Johnny" Cash articulated the story of his life in
21 Arkansas through his music and made historic contributions to the musical
22 history of our state and country.

23 (b) The General Assembly finds and resolves that the statues of U.M.
24 Rose and James P. Clarke located in the National Statuary Hall Collection in
25 the United States Capitol should be removed and replaced with statues of
26 Daisy Lee Gatson Bates and John R. "Johnny" Cash.

27 (c) The Secretary of State shall:

28 (1) Submit to the person responsible for the National Statuary
29 Hall Collection in the United States Capitol a written request to approve the
30 replacement of both of the statues commemorating the distinguished service of
31 Arkansas notable citizens and provided by the State of Arkansas currently on
32 display in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States
33 Capitol;

34 (2) Provide all documentation necessary to comply with federal
35 law regarding the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States
36 Capitol;

1 (3) Enter into all agreements required by federal law to replace
2 both of the statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United
3 States Capitol; and

4 (4) Coordinate with the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission to
5 facilitate the statue replacement process.

6 (d) The General Assembly designates the following citizens of Arkansas
7 to be represented in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United
8 States Capitol:

9 (1) Daisy Lee Gatson Bates; and

10 (2) John R. "Johnny" Cash.

11 (e) For the statues to be displayed in the National Statuary Hall
12 Collection in the United States Capitol, the commission shall:

13 (1) Receive funds for the completion, transport, display, and
14 maintenance of the statue representing Daisy Lee Gatson Bates under
15 subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing John R.
16 "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both, including:

17 (A) Appropriations; and

18 (B) Private gifts, grants, and donations from individuals
19 and organizations;

20 (2) Solicit funds, if necessary, for the completion, transport,
21 display, and maintenance of the statue representing Daisy Lee Gatson Bates
22 under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing John R.
23 "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both;

24 (3) Select a sculptor to create the statue representing Daisy
25 Lee Gatson Bates under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or a sculptor to
26 create the statue representing John R. "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2)
27 of this section, or both;

28 (4) Enter into all necessary contracts for the completion,
29 transport, display, and maintenance of the statue representing Daisy Lee
30 Gatson Bates under subdivision (d)(1) of this section or the statue
31 representing John R. "Johnny" Cash under subdivision (d)(2) of this section,
32 or both;

33 (5) Approve the design, material, production, and method of
34 display of the statue representing Daisy Lee Gatson Bates under subdivision
35 (d)(1) of this section or the statue representing John R. "Johnny" Cash under
36 subdivision (d)(2) of this section, or both;

1 (6) Remove and relocate the existing statue representing U.M.
2 Rose and the statue representing James P. Clarke; and

3 (7) Organize an event unveiling the statue representing Daisy
4 Lee Gatson Bates and the statue representing John R. "Johnny" Cash.

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