

3 Senate Concurrent
4 Resolution No. 3

5 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 - By: RABON of the Senate and
6 ROAN of the House.

7 A Concurrent Resolution designating Acrocanthosaurus
8 atokensis as the State Dinosaur of Oklahoma; and directing
9 distribution.

10 WHEREAS, the first evidence of the dinosaur was discovered in
11 Atoka County, Oklahoma in the 1940's by paleontologists J.W. Stovall
12 and Wann Langston for the University of Oklahoma and named
13 Acrocanthosaurus (high spined lizard) atokensis (for Atoka County);
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the most complete fossil skeleton of this species ever
16 found was excavated in McCurtain County, Oklahoma in the 1980's by
17 amateur paleontologists Sid Love and Cephis Hall, both of McCurtain
18 County; and

19 WHEREAS, the Acrocanthosaurus atokensis was the largest
20 carnivore on the North American Continent during the early
21 Cretaceous period and is comparable in size to the Tyranosaurus Rex,
22 but millions of years older.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the dinosaur *Acrocanthosaurus atokensis* be designated as
5 the State Dinosaur of Oklahoma.

6 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the family of
7 Sid Love, Cephis Hall, the Museum of the Red River, and the
8 University of Oklahoma.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-21-05
10 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.