

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 3

By: Rabon

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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