

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
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HR 1036

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5 By: Representative Murdock

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO ESTABLISH FURBUSH DAY OF LEE COUNTY ON THE THIRD
9 SATURDAY OF APRIL IN HONOR OF WILLIAM HINES FURBUSH.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 THE THIRD SATURDAY OF APRIL IN HONOR OF
15 WILLIAM HINES FURBUSH.

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18 WHEREAS, William Hines Furbush, a former slave and soldier in the Union
19 Army, was the first African American to serve as State Representative from
20 what is now District 52 of the State of Arkansas; and

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22 WHEREAS, as a State Representative, Furbush sponsored a bill that was
23 passed on April 17, 1873, leading to the establishment of what is now known
24 as Lee County, with Marianna as the county seat; and

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26 WHEREAS, Furbush came back from the legislature to serve as the first
27 sheriff of Lee County; and

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29 WHEREAS, after several terms as sheriff, Furbush was again elected as a
30 State Representative for what is now District 52 and continued to champion
31 civil rights,

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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
35 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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1 THAT since the bill establishing Lee County was passed on April 17,
2 1873, let it be RESOLVED that the 3rd Saturday in April will be hereafter
3 known and observed as "Furbush Day of Lee County".

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