

1 State of Arkansas  
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HR 1106

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5 By: Representatives Pearce, Wardlaw  
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
10 GAME WARDEN BRADY SMITH AS THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY  
11 FEDERATION'S WILDLIFE OFFICER OF THE YEAR.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 FISH COMMISSION GAME WARDEN BRADY SMITH  
17 AS THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION'S  
18 WILDLIFE OFFICER OF THE YEAR.  
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20 WHEREAS, Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Game Warden Brady  
21 Smith earned the National Wild Turkey Federation's Wildlife Officer of the  
22 Year Award at the forty-ninth annual National Wild Turkey Federation  
23 Convention and Sport Show held on February 14, 2025; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Wildlife Officer of the Year Award is given to individuals  
26 who have excelled and demonstrated exceptional performance in teamwork and  
27 innovation, attitude and leadership, and achievements and accomplishments;  
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30 WHEREAS, while this award is usually akin to a lifetime achievement  
31 award, Game Warden Smith earned this award in only his second year as an  
32 Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Game Warden; and  
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34 WHEREAS, Game Warden Smith works in Cleburne County, which is one of  
35 Arkansas's busiest counties for game wardens during hunting seasons, and he  
36 also assists neighboring counties in their efforts to curtail poaching



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3 WHEREAS, as the leading officer in his district, Game Warden Smith has  
4 assisted with numerous cases, and he is a strong investigator who dedicates  
5 long hours in his efforts to prevent and end poaching and other hunting  
6 violations; and

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8 WHEREAS, Game Warden Smith's interactions with the community have been  
9 commended on several occasions, even by violators; and

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11 WHEREAS, Game Warden Smith also assists with hunting and boating  
12 education classes, attends high school trap tournaments, assists with the  
13 annual fishing derby held on the Little Red River, speaks to elementary  
14 school classes, assists with the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission  
15 Youth Shooting Sports Program, and participated in "Shop with a Cop" during  
16 the holiday season to assist underprivileged youth; and

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18 WHEREAS, Game Warden Smith earned a bachelor's degree in the Science of  
19 Criminal Justice from Williams Baptist University; and

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21 WHEREAS, National Wild Turkey Federation Co-Chief Executive Officer  
22 Kurt Dyroff said of Game Warden Smith, "Brady's love for the outdoors is  
23 evident in his diligent work catching poachers and those who do not follow  
24 the rules that ensure the sustainability of our natural resources . . .  
25 Brady's work ethic represents the conservation of wildlife and sharing the  
26 lifechanging power of the outdoors"; and

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28 WHEREAS, Chief of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission's  
29 Enforcement Division Colonel Brad Young said of Game Warden Smith and his  
30 work, "Catching people baiting or otherwise cheating the system to poach  
31 turkeys is one of the more time-consuming and most challenging parts of a  
32 game warden's duties, too, so we really take it personally. Smith's  
33 recognition is well-deserved and something all our Arkansas game wardens take  
34 pride in"; and

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36 WHEREAS, Game Warden Smith said of receiving the award, "It is a great

1 honor. I mean, words can't even describe it. I grew up hunting . . . I  
2 started turkey hunting when I was six years old, and I wanted to be a game  
3 warden ever since I was thirteen or fourteen, and to be here in this building  
4 and convention, I mean, it is just amazing",  
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6 NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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10 THAT the House of Representatives recognize Arkansas State Game and  
11 Fish Commission Game Warden Brady Smith as the National Wild Turkey  
12 Federation's Wildlife Officer of the Year.  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Game Warden Brady Smith by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
16 Representatives.  
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