

House Resolution 115 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

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1 A Resolution urging designation of the Iowa brook trout
2 as the official state fish for the State of Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, the Iowa brook trout (*salvelinus*
4 *fontinalis*) is a fish native to Iowa that is found
5 almost exclusively in the northeastern portion of the
6 state in select spring-fed streams; and

7 WHEREAS, brook trout are the only trout species
8 native to Iowa; and

9 WHEREAS, the Iowa brook trout is readily
10 recognizable and distinguishable from other trout by
11 two main characteristics: vivid white lines on the
12 front or leading edge of the lower fins, and light
13 wormy streaks or mottling called vermiculations on
14 the darker background of the trout's top portion or
15 back; and

16 WHEREAS, a male Iowa brook trout at spawning time
17 is among the most beautiful of all fish with deep
18 red-yellow-crimson coloration along the belly and
19 numerous red and pale yellow spots sometimes surrounded
20 by a blue-colored circle on its sides; and

21 WHEREAS, the Iowa brook trout's beautiful coloration
22 and scarcity add immeasurably to its aesthetic
23 value; and

24 WHEREAS, the normal length of an Iowa brook trout
25 during the third year of life is 10 to 13 inches; and

26 WHEREAS, an Iowa brook trout that weighs over one
27 pound is considered a trophy; and

28 WHEREAS, a female Iowa brook trout matures at about

1 two years of age while most males mature during the
2 first year of life; and

3 WHEREAS, life expectancy of the Iowa brook trout is
4 seldom longer than three years; and

5 WHEREAS, natural reproduction of the Iowa brook
6 trout is presently limited to only a few streams in the
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, in order to survive, the Iowa brook
9 trout must have the coldest and cleanest of stream
10 conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, continual pollution, heavy siltation, or
12 other water quality degradation of Iowa's streams will
13 extirpate the species forever; and

14 WHEREAS, disappearance of the Iowa brook trout will
15 foretell the disappearance of the last of our state's
16 purest coldwater streams; and

17 WHEREAS, the Iowa brook trout is the perfect symbol
18 of our state's ongoing efforts to save and reestablish
19 healthy waters; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
21 That the House of Representatives supports efforts to
22 preserve and to reestablish healthy waters and to raise
23 awareness of all aquatic species in the state by urging
24 that the Iowa brook trout be designated as the official
25 state fish for the State of Iowa.