

## Designating the blind salamander as the official state amphibian

HCR 30 by Bonnen (Jackson)

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**DIGEST:** HCR 30 would have designated the blind salamander as the official amphibian of the state of Texas.

**GOVERNOR'S  
REASON FOR  
VETO:**

“The official designation of items and objects as much-loved objects of Texas should represent the entire state and not just one region or locality. This resolution designates an amphibian as the official State Amphibian of Texas that is found in only one Texas county. Such a small area does not adequately represent the State of Texas as a whole. Therefore, I am not signing House Concurrent Resolution No. 30 by Bonnen.”

**RESPONSE:** Neither Rep. Dennis Bonnen, the author of the concurrent resolution, nor Sen. Mike Jackson, the Senate sponsor, had a comment.