HB136
203754-3
By Representative Brown (C)
RFD: State Government
First Read: 02-FEB-21
PFD: 01/26/2021
ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to public aquariums; to designate the
Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Alabama Aquarium as the official
Aquarium of Alabama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of
the following:

(1) The research and educational programs of the
Dauphin Island Sea Lab, established by act of the Legislature
in 1971 as the administrative home for the Alabama Marine
Environmental Sciences Consortium, serve the citizens of all
of Alabama's counties.

(2) The mission of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab is to
serve the general needs of these citizens, all levels of
government, and the academic community by improving ocean
literacy and providing the best available science for coastal
policy, including the production and dissemination of
knowledge regarding world oceans, coastal zones, and
watersheds; the training of future generations of oceanic and
coastal scientists; and the enhancement of public
understanding and stewardship of oceanic and coastal
resources.

(3) The Dauphin Island Sea Lab serves its mission,
in part, by providing an exciting and educational public
aquarium whose visual and virtual interactive exhibits, public events, and public excursions highlighting the remarkable diversity of life have been observed by over one million students and other visitors since its opening in 1998.

(4) Designating the Dauphin Island Sea Lab's "Alabama Aquarium" as the official Aquarium of Alabama is the proper manner of recognizing the benefit and importance of the education offered by the Sea Lab.

Section 2. The Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Alabama Aquarium is designated the official Aquarium of Alabama.

Section 3. The appropriate officials shall place and maintain signs or markers reflecting the designation provided in this act.

Section 4. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.
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Mac McCarty

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 02-MAR-21.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate 04-MAY-21 Passed

APPROVED 5-13-2021

TIME 8:00 am

Alana Secretary Of State
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
This bill having been referred by the House to its standing committee on State Government was acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom with a favorable report w/amend(s) w/sub w/eng sub by a vote of yeas 8 nays 0 abstain this 9th day of March 2021.

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, HB 136.

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JEFF WOODARD, Clerk