

RALLY TO RECOGNIZE THE BULL-RACCOON

A Tennessee Wonder and Evidence of God's Creation

FEBRUARY 22, 2015, 2pm

Tennessee Legislative Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee

On Sunday February 22, 2015 at 2pm the Tennessee Chapter of the Association for Creative Zoology will hold a gathering on the Tennessee Legislative Plaza in front of the State Capitol in Nashville to advance a petition to designate *Taurus cockettensis*, commonly known as the "Bull-Raccoon," as the official antediluvian animal of the State of Tennessee.

The Latin name for the species recognizes the celebrated folk hero, frontiersman, soldier and Tennessee native David Stern Crockett (August 17, 1786 – March 6, 1836), known for his "coon-skin" hat.

As early as the 1880s, *Taurus crockettensis* fossils such as the one depicted here have been found at locations along the Cumberland Plateau and in Middle Tennessee.

While there are many other examples of animal hybridity in the fossil record, the bull-raccoon offers evidence that natural selection is not responsible for species variation, but is the result of "zoomorphic juncture," or the species collage by a supreme creator. Dragons and unicorns cited in the King James edition of the Bible are further evidence of this phenomena. The Association posits that the Principle of Zoomorphic Juncture should be taught in Tennessee high school science classes as an alternative to the Theory of Evolution.

Many other examples of zoomorphic juncture exist as well, including the Hydra, the Griffin, the Minotaur and the duck-billed platypus. The University of Tennessee has

been recognized for having the largest adult male centaur specimen in the United States. Discovered in Volos, Greece in the 1980s by Dr. Bill Willers from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, it has been on display in the John C. Hodges Library on the Knoxville campus since 1994.

There are many additional examples of zoomorphic juncture from North America, including several specimens from Tennessee. In 1962 Lester Morgan of Rockwood, Tennessee (depicted below) caught what is best described as a ground-hog fish in the Holston River. This is a unique example, as historically most fur-covered fish have been associated with northern states and provinces in the United States and Canada.

During the famous Scopes Trial in Dayton Tennessee the Associate for Creative Zoology, lead by Reverend James Randolph Denton set up an education display on the lawn of the Rhea County Courthouse. Support for Creation Science in Tennessee is often attributed to the formative work of the Association during the 1920s.



In 1931 the University of Tennessee student magazine, the *Mugwump*, published an illustrated editorial advocating for the Bull-Raccoon to be designated as the university's mascot. A student petition that claimed that the Bull-Raccoon refuted the Theory of Evolution attracted over 350 signatures. The University President James D. Hoskins, who was known for his rigid standard of morality, was receptive to the effort, having once fired seven faculty in 1923 for advocating on behalf of evolutionary theory, convinced the Board of Trustees to shut down the *Mugwump* because of its allegedly "obscene" poetry. Over two decades later, the University of Tennessee selected "Smokey" the blue-tick-coon hound as its official mascot.

The day following the rally, on Monday February 23rd the Association for Creative Zoology will open an exhibition at MTSU's Todd Art Gallery in Murfreesboro with a reception to be held from 4:30-7pm.

Today there is a growing popular effort to recognize the Bull-Raccoon in Tennessee. Please join your friends and neighbors who are concerned about this issue at the Tennessee State Capital to "Rally for the Bull-Raccoon." For more information, contact:

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ASSOCIATION *for* CREATIVE ZOOLOGY

PETITION TO DESIGNATE THE BULL-RACCOON AS THE OFFICIAL ANTEDILUVIAN ANIMAL OF TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) is currently the official animal of the State of Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, the Raccoon is a public nuisance represents a serious public health risk as a carrier of rabies, and

WHEREAS, the Bull-Raccoon (*Taurus crockettensis*), a pre-historic creature than combines the features of a bull and a raccoon is claimed to have been found in the fossil record and was native to Tennessee before the Great Global Flood described in the *Holy Bible*, and

WHEREAS, the official scientific name of the Bull-Raccoon is the *Taurus crockettensis* in honor of the celebrated folk hero, frontiersman, soldier and Tennessee native David Stern Crockett (August 17, 1786 – March 6, 1836), and

WHEREAS, the Bull Raccoon offers evidence that God, the supreme creator uses collage techniques to create new animal species such as the Bull-Raccoon,

THEREFORE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE petition the Tennessee State Legislature to designate the Bull-Raccoon as the official antediluvian animal of Tennessee.