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### **HADROSAURUS FOULKII: THE DINOSAUR THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

***New Exhibit Nov. 22, 2008–April 19, 2009***

PHILADELPHIA—When it was discovered in a marl pit in Haddonfield, N.J., in 1858, *Hadrosaurus fouldii* was the most complete dinosaur skeleton ever found. Ten years later it went on display at The Academy of Natural Sciences and was an instant sensation—most people had never heard of the word “dinosaur,” and the giant bones towering overhead drew long lines of curious visitors.

The Academy had become the first museum in the world to display a mounted dinosaur skeleton and launched its reputation as a place where people came to learn about science and to see “the real thing.” From Nov. 22, 2008 through April 19, 2009, the Academy will once again display this plant-eating dinosaur in all its glory as the centerpiece of a special exhibit called “*Hadrosaurus fouldii*: The Dinosaur That Changed the World.”

The exhibit coincides with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dinosaur’s scientific description by Academy curator Dr. Joseph Leidy, considered the father of vertebrate paleontology in America. A cast of *Hadrosaurus*, about 10 feet tall, is being created by Research Casting International of Ontario, Canada, based on digital scanning of the real bones, which are housed at the Academy. Besides the mount, the exhibit will evoke the Victorian era and feature Leidy’s office, including his actual work desk, and the studio of Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, the British artist-naturalist who worked with Leidy to create the original mount in 1868. In a recreated parlor of John Hopkins, the New Jersey farmer who originally unearthed the bones and, unfortunately, gave some away to acquaintances, will be a glass case containing some of the real fossil bones of *Hadrosaurus fouldii*, declared by the New Jersey State Legislature in 1991 the official state dinosaur.

“*Hadrosaurus fouldii*: The Dinosaur That Changed the World” is free with museum admission.

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*The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until 5 p.m. on weekends. Admission is: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3-12, seniors, college students and military personnel, and free for children under 3. There is a \$2 fee for “Butterflies!”*

*Founded in 1812, The Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas. Our mission is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.*