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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1029

"RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MATTYE MAYE WHITE WOODRIDGE AS THE
FOUNDER OF ARKANSAS TEACHERS' DAY; AND TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESS TO
ESTABLISH THIS DAY AS NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY."

Amendment No. 1 to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1029.

Amend House Concurrent Resolution No. 1029 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "WHITE" and substitute "WHYTE"

AND

Page 1, line 16, delete "WHITE" and substitute "WHYTE"

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Page 1, line 21, delete "White" and substitute "Whyte"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 24 through 31 and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, in 1944, while teaching at Eliza Miller High School, Ms.
Woodridge won the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award four (4) times; and

WHEREAS, from the envy of the other teachers about the award, Ms.
Woodridge realized the need for an annual teachers' day "for all teachers to
be honored"; and

WHEREAS, from 1944 to 1953, Ms. Woodridge wrote to the nation's
governors, political leaders, and education leaders to gather support for a
National Teachers' Day; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woodridge credits Eleanor Roosevelt, with whom she had
corresponded, as being the prime mover in persuading the Eighty-First
Congress to pass a Joint Resolution in 1953 designating the first Tuesday in
March as National Teachers' Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Ms. Woodridge witnessed the signing into law, by then



Governor Bill Clinton, the first Tuesday in March as Arkansas Teachers' Day;
and

WHEREAS, this day continued to be observed until 1985 when the National Education Association and the National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week in May, and later voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Ms. Woodridge was honored at the National Education Association's Human and Civil Rights Banquet in Washington, D.C., with a special award for her "tireless efforts to promote a positive image of the teaching profession through national, state, and local teacher's day celebration",

AND

Page 2, delete lines 2 through 4 and substitute the following:
"honor and recognize Ms. Mattye Maye Whyte Woodridge's diligence in working for the creation of a national day to celebrate teachers, the creation of a time for honoring teachers, and the recognition of the lasting contribution that teachers make to our lives."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative King
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Chief Clerk