

Hall of the House of Representatives
88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Concurrent Memorial Resolution No. 1001

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JAMES MARVIN PARK AND IN RECOGNITION OF
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Concurrent Memorial Resolution No. 1001

Amend House Concurrent Memorial Resolution No. 1001 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 25 through 27, and substitute the following:

WHEREAS, Mr. James Marvin 'J.M.' Park of Cabot, Arkansas, died on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the age of eighty (80) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Park, long known as a community leader, had a large influence on Cabot and its growth; and

WHEREAS, Senator Eddie Joe Williams said, "When you think of Cabot, you think of J.M. Park and the Park family."; and Senator Williams worked with Mr. Park as a city council member, mayor, and organizer of Lonoke County Safe Haven; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Park was born October 10, 1930, to Marvin and Sue Worthington Park and was a member of Cabot United Methodist Church for seventy-two (72) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Park was a 1953 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and was president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; and

WHEREAS, after college, Mr. Park served in the United States Army in Korea; and he eventually returned to Cabot with his wife, Carolyn Blanks Park, to begin his career with the Bank of Cabot, now Centennial Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Park worked at the Bank of Cabot for forty-one (41) years, rising to president and chairman of the board; and he retired in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Park's community service included serving on the Cabot City Council and the Cabot School District board of trustees; and he was active with the Cabot Lions Club and the Cabot Chamber of Commerce, where his service led to his three-time election as the city's Man of the Year; and



WHEREAS, Mr. Park extended his service across Arkansas; he served two (2) terms, 1981-1987, on the Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute board of directors; he also served on the Arkansas Student Loan Authority board of directors from 1984-1990; the Arkansas Independent Bankers Association and the board of directors of Home Bancshares, Centennial Bank's parent corporation; and he was also a founding director of the Arkansas Bankers Bank, serving as president of its board at the time of his retirement in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Park oversaw the organizing and commissioning of the Cabot Water and Wastewater Commission, the establishment of the Cabot Waterworks, and construction of the new Cabot Wastewater Treatment Plant; and he also administered the planning and implementation of the Northbelt Transmission Line, a 30-mile pipeline to ensure Cabot's water supply; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Park was also instrumental in the establishment of Lonoke County Safe Haven, a shelter and advisory service for abused women and their children; and Safe Haven director Brenda Reynolds said everyone connected to the shelter – volunteers, staff and, especially, the clients – owes a debt of gratitude to Park, saying "It is very painful to lose someone we have been so close to. We owe everything to him and the Park family."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Park was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Joe W. Park; and survivors include his wife, Carolyn; three (3) daughters, Susan Esche and husband Eric, Holly Park and partner Fran Lane, and Allison Park and husband Rupal Bhatt; and grandson, James Eric Esche,"

AND

Page 1, delete line 35, and substitute the following:

"community and the State of Arkansas, and commends him for his leadership."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Carter
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Chief Clerk