

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Mahony**

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DELTA
9 ENVIRONMENTAL LAND TRUST ASSOCIATION AND ITS OFFICERS,
10 TRUSTEES, ADVISORS AND MEMBERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND
11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PRESERVING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE
12 PROPERTIES THROUGH DONATED PERPETUAL EASEMENTS.

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14 WHEREAS, public policy, both national and state, must include strong
15 support of environmental values in land use, without, however, losing sight of
16 the truth that economic productivity is vital to the welfare of the people;
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18 WHEREAS, no area of this country is more important either economically
19 or environmentally than the wetlands and forest of the Delta region of
20 Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, wetlands continue to disappear at an alarming rate, their
22 destruction sometimes producing short-term economic advantage, but in the long
23 run producing both an impoverished economy and environment; and

24 WHEREAS, the efforts of government, important as they are, can never do
25 the whole job without the enlightened self-interest of private citizens; and

26 WHEREAS, the Delta Environmental Land Trust Association, known as DELTA,
27 a private land trust which numbers among its board members several
28 distinguished Arkansans, including the Honorable Jack Holt, Jr., Chief Justice
29 of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, Sloan Rainwater, Herschel Friday, Kay Arnold
30 and David Harp who are leading this effort in protecting environmentally
31 sensitive property through donated perpetual easements that permit compatible
32 economic uses; educating private landowners on the wise use of their own
33 property, as well as the availability of tax incentives to supplement and
34 enable private philanthropy; and educating, informing, and persuading the
35 public and their elected officials on how to combine respect for the land with

1 jobs and prosperity,

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL

5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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7 That the Arkansas General Assembly hereby commends the Delta
8 Environmental Land Trust Association and its officers, trustees, advisors, and
9 members for their efforts and accomplishments in preserving environmentally
10 sensitive properties and for promoting proper scientific, educational and
11 productive uses of such environmentally sensitive privately owned properties
12 through donated perpetual easements.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this document,
14 appropriately signed, attested, and sealed, shall be presented to the officers
15 of DELTA, as a sign of our sincere approval and respect.

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