

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

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS

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10 WHEREAS, 1991 is the Bicentennial of the ratification of the Bill of
11 Rights to the United States Constitution; and

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13 WHEREAS, the tremendous changes which have taken place around the globe
14 in recent years have stirred the hearts and souls of men and women everywhere
15 yearning for freedom; and

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17 WHEREAS, the world looks to us in America to light the torch of liberty
18 and to lead by example in the path of true representative democracy; and

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20 WHEREAS, people in so many countries have recently thrown off the yoke
21 of tyranny and dictatorship and are now seeking to understand how government
22 of, by, and for the people can indeed ensure the inalienable rights of life,
23 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

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25 WHEREAS, we stand eternally grateful to our forefathers who fought and
26 died that we might have these rights; that it is therefore fitting that we
27 should regularly pause and ponder these rights and, to the extent that we are
28 able, strive to fulfill the duties that accompany them; and

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30 WHEREAS, we recognize that because of these first ten (10) Amendments to
31 the United States Constitution, the rights of individuals, however unpopular
32 or in the minority, are and have been protected these two hundred (200) years;
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35 WHEREAS, the Founders of this great nation laid down for all time in the

1 Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal, and endowed by
2 their Creator with certain inalienable rights" we know that the principles
3 outlined in the Bill of Rights do not pertain only to Americans, but should be
4 rights inherent to all mankind;

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7 NOW THEREFORE,
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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11 Do hereby proclaim 1991 to be the Bill of Rights Bicentennial in the
12 State of Arkansas and ask all citizens to join in commemoration of the Bill of
13 Rights, and that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall direct all
14 school principals to devote at least one hour to the rededication and
15 reinforcement of the principles embodied in the Bill of Rights in all public
16 schools in the State of Arkansas during the month of November, 1991, which
17 shall be declared Bill of Rights Month in celebration of this Bicentennial.

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