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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE  
9 PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT A PROGRAM IN WHICH THE FEDERAL  
10 GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATES IN  
11 THE FORM OF 90/10 FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN  
12 ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) SYSTEM TO PROCESS FOOD  
13 STAMP BENEFITS AS WELL AS INCENTIVES TO STATES TO  
14 IMPLEMENT THE SYSTEM.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE PRESIDENT  
18 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO STATES AS INCENTIVE TO AN IMPLEMENT  
19 ELECTRONIC BENEFIT SYSTEM.

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21 WHEREAS, an on-line Electronic Benefit Transfer System allows Food Stamp  
22 benefits to be stored in a central computer database and electronically  
23 accessed by households at the point-of-sale via reusable plastic cards; and

24 WHEREAS, an EBT system allows for greater accountability and monitoring;  
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26 WHEREAS, an EBT system reduces the federal cost in coupon printing,  
27 shipping, monitoring, and auditing; and

28 WHEREAS, an EBT system eliminates costly mail losses; and

29 WHEREAS, an EBT system results in the removal of coupons as an  
30 alternative currency and therefore reduces the abuses due to trafficking in  
31 coupons and misdirecting benefits; and

32 WHEREAS, this is the only Medicaid program in which the federal  
33 government has not provided 90/10 funding for start-up cost,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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4        THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully urges  
5 the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and the President support a program in  
6 which the federal government would provide contributions to the states in the  
7 form of 90/10 funding for implementation of an Electronic Benefit Transfer  
8 (EBT) System to process food stamp benefits as well as incentives to states to  
9 implement the systems.

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