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5 By: Representatives Matayo, Harris
6 By: Senator Holt

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**
10 **RESOLUTION**

11 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF BROTHER
12 WILLARD J. WALKER TO GOD, COUNTRY, AND THE
13 CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS.

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15 **Subtitle**

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17 BROTHER WILLARD J. WALKER TO GOD,
18 COUNTRY, AND THE CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST
19 ARKANSAS.

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22 WHEREAS, Willard was born August 26, 1921 in Dearing, Kansas, the son
23 of Albert S. and Rosa Heslop Walker; and

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25 WHEREAS, Willard attended Coffeyville (Kansas) Junior College; and

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27 WHEREAS, Willard and Pat met "on the job" in 1941 and were truly
28 happily married for more than 60 years; and

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30 WHEREAS, Willard was a member of the First Christian Church in
31 Springdale, having served on the Board of Elders and taught Sunday school;
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34 WHEREAS, Willard, along with his wife Pat, established the Willard and
35 Pat Walker Charitable Foundation which has contributed generously to medical
36 centers, colleges and universities, public schools, libraries, educational



1 television, park and recreation facilities, performing arts centers and
2 museums, churches and religious institutions, and social service
3 organizations; and

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5 WHEREAS, Willard served on the Arkansas Cancer Research Center
6 Foundation and was past president of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, the
7 Springdale Rotary Club, the Springdale Public Library Board, the Springdale
8 Housing Authority, the Northwest Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute, the
9 Salvation Army, and the American International Charolais Association; and

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11 WHEREAS, Willard was a gentle man, and through his inspirational
12 forces, has motivated others to take leadership roles toward philanthropy in
13 community, state, and national involvements; and

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15 WHEREAS, he was highly regarded by his peers, admired by all who knew
16 him, and deeply loved by his family and friends; and

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18 WHEREAS, Willard served unselfishly as a community leader, grandfather,
19 father, and friend; and

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21 WHEREAS, Willard was a friend to all who knew him; and

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23 WHEREAS, Willard passed away on February 22, 2003,

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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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29 That the House of Representatives and the Senate recognize, honor, and
30 memorialize the life of Willard Walker for his unselfish service to his God,
31 his country, and the citizens of Northwest Arkansas.