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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 ACKNOWLEDGING ARKANSAS' GREAT HISTORIC HERITAGE
10 AND ITS CULTURAL TREASURES AND SETTING THE GOAL
11 FOR THE STATE TO DISPLAY THE HIGHEST EXAMPLE OF
12 PRESERVING OUR HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND CULTURAL
13 SITES BY INSISTING THAT PUBLICLY-OWNED BUILDINGS
14 ARE GREAT ASSETS AND THAT THESE SITES MUST BE
15 MANAGED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF PRESERVATION.
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17 **Subtitle**

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19 HERITAGE AND ITS CULTURAL TREASURES AND
20 SETTING THE GOAL FOR THE STATE TO
21 DISPLAY THE HIGHEST EXAMPLE OF
22 PRESERVING OUR HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND
23 TRADITIONAL SITES.
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26 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas established its Arkansas Department of
27 Heritage in 1975 to promote the preservation of the natural, cultural, and
28 historic resources of the state; and
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30 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas established the Arkansas Historic
31 Preservation Program in 1977 to promote the preservation of historic
32 properties, to issue grants for their preservation, and to assist the private
33 sector towards this goal and the Program has the expertise, capability, and
34 charter to educate individuals, contractors, and architects on the values and
35 methods of performing work and repairs on historic structures and sites; and
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1 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas established the Arkansas Natural and
2 Cultural Resources Council in 1987 to dispense funds received from the real
3 estate transfer taxes to preserve state historic properties and the Council
4 works with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve our
5 states historic structures and traditional sites; and

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7 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas spends almost twenty million dollars
8 (\$20,000,000) annually to promote preservation efforts by the state and local
9 governments and to educate the private business sector and the public
10 citizenry about the importance of preserving historic places and buildings
11 and promoting cultural resources; and

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13 WHEREAS, historic structures and traditional sites of Arkansas are so
14 extremely important to our economy, as more than history when historic
15 buildings and archeological sites serve as magnets for tourism and economic
16 development, and when cultural assets and heritage sites are recognized by
17 business leaders as community assets to attract business development and to
18 enrich our cultural appreciation,

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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24 That the great State of Arkansas acknowledge its great historic
25 heritage and its cultural treasures and should set the highest example of
26 preserving our historic structures and cultural sites by insisting that
27 publicly-owned buildings are these kinds of assets that must be managed by
28 the best preservation principles.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all publicly-owned historic structures and sites
31 should not undergo any alteration that would compromise the historic
32 integrity without:

33 First a public announcement of the intent and goals of the alteration
34 or renovation project; and

35 Second, a review conducted in accordance with state and national
36 preservation guidelines under the direction of the Arkansas Historic

1 Preservation Program or a private consultant to insure that taxpayer money is
2 spent to enhance the historic property and not compromise the integrity of
3 the historic structure or site.

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