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2 84th General Assembly
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SCR 29

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5 By: Senator Holt

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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**
9 RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MS. MARY JOHNSON.

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13 JOHNSON.

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Whereas, in 1987 Ms. Mary Johnson formed the national organization,
17 “Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, Inc.”; and

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Whereas, the “Orphan Train Era” was a movement between 1854 and the
20 early 1930’s to better provide for orphans in the eastern United States by
21 relocating them to families in the West; and

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Whereas, during the Orphan Train Era children were taken on trains in
24 small groups of ten to forty, to stops along the railroad where they would be
25 taken in by families; and

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Whereas, Ms. Johnson founded the Orphan Train Heritage Society of
28 America, Inc. to reunite riders of the orphan train; and

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Whereas, many of the riders wanted assistance in getting family
31 information and Ms. Johnson established the Orphan Train Riders Research
32 Center and Museum in Springdale; and

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Whereas, Ms. Johnson’s efforts have helped many orphan train riders
35 gather information and share their stories,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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5 That the Arkansas General Assembly hereby recognizes and commends Ms.
6 Mary Johnson for her leadership and assistance to orphan train riders and
7 their families through the founding of the Orphan Train Heritage Society of
8 America, Inc. and the Orphan Train Riders Research Center and Museum.
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