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2 84th General Assembly
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5 By: Senator Wooldridge
6 By: Representative Ferguson
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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF JIM
11 PICKENS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF
12 ARKANSAS.
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14 **Subtitle**

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17 STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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20 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2003, Jim Pickens officially retired as the
21 Executive Director of the Arkansas Department of Economic Development; and
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23 WHEREAS, in February of 2001 Governor Huckabee coaxed Mr. Pickens out
24 of retirement to revamp the Arkansas Department of Economic Development; and
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26 WHEREAS, under Mr. Pickens' leadership, the Arkansas Department of
27 Economic Development has reached new heights in recruiting businesses to
28 Arkansas and creating jobs; and
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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens worked for more than forty (40) years for the
31 Arkansas Power & Light Company, now Entergy Corporation, where he served as
32 Vice President of Public Affairs, the Director of State Governmental and
33 External Affairs, and in other management positions; and
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35 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens has been active in the community currently serving
36 as the Chairman of Pathfinders Foundation, Vice Chairman of P.A.R.K.



1 (Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids), and on the C.A.R.T.I. Foundation Board,
2 the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame Board, the Little Rock Club Board, and the
3 Arkansas State Golf Association Executive Board; and
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens previously served on the Arkansas State University
6 Board of Trustees; as President of the Arkansas State Golf Association; on
7 the U.A.L.R. Trojan Foundation Board of Directors; as President or President-
8 Elect of Chambers of Commerce in Newport, Pine Bluff, and Hot Springs; on the
9 Jefferson County Industrial Foundation Board of Directors; as President of
10 the Garland County Economic Development Commission; on behalf of the United
11 Way Campaigns in Jefferson and Garland Counties; the Arthritis Foundation
12 Board; the Arkansas State University Foundation - Delta Health Education
13 Partnership; as President of the Pleasant Valley Country Club, the Pine Bluff
14 Country Club, and the Little Rock Club; upon fund-raising committees for the
15 Easter Seal Society, March of Dimes, National Conference of Christians and
16 Jews, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America, the University of Arkansas, U.A.L.R.
17 athletic programs, Arkansas Prostrate Cancer Association, Arkansas Sheriff's
18 Ranch Program, and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre; among other positions of
19 service to the community; and
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21 WHEREAS, among Mr. Pickens' awards are the naming of the Jim Pickens
22 Pathfinder Skills Training Center in 2001, the ASU College of Business
23 Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998, the Boys' and Girls' Club of America
24 Bronze Award in 1997, the Pathfinder Crystal Award in 1995, the Entergy
25 Chairman Award winner on four (4) occasions, the Pine Bluff Outstanding Civic
26 Leader in 1984, the Arkansas' Outstanding Young Men's Award in 1971, and the
27 Arkansas Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1965,
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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
31 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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33 THAT the Eighty-fourth General Assembly takes great pride in honoring
34 Jim Pickens upon his retirement, and recognizing his outstanding service to
35 the State of Arkansas and the community.
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