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11 SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

12 HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND MOURNING
13 THE DEATH OF JERROLD "JERRY" ELDON HINSHAW.

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15 Subtitle

16 HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND
17 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JERROLD "JERRY"
18 ELDON HINSHAW.

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21 WHEREAS, the General Assembly lost one of its own with the passing of
22 Jerrold "Jerry" Eldon Hinshaw, one of the last pioneers of the 20th century
23 in Northwest Arkansas, on December 31, 2003, after an extended illness at the
24 age of 86; and

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26 WHEREAS, while Jerry Hinshaw was a man of many talents and interests
27 with a wonderful sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and a knack for telling
28 stories, his life revolved around community service; and

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30 WHEREAS, Hinshaw was born January 15, 1917, in Hamilton County,
31 Indiana, the son of H. Ross and Aletha Teter Hinshaw, and moved to
32 Springdale, Arkansas in 1956 where he had continuously been a member of the
33 First United Methodist Church; and

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35 WHEREAS, Hinshaw and his devoted wife of fifty-four (54) years, Betty,
36 established a home south of Tontitown, Arkansas the Rocking Chair Ranch,



1 familiar to many in the area for its scenic fishing lake; and

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3 WHEREAS, Hinshaw attended Purdue University, graduating with a degree
4 in agriculture in 1940, and was a World War II veteran, earning the rank of
5 first lieutenant after attending officer candidate school; and

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7 WHEREAS, among Hinshaw's pursuits were politics, big-game hunting,
8 horse breeding, collecting antique cars, and following Razorback sports; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hinshaw, started his career after World War II in poultry
11 production with Ralston Purina Co. in St. Louis, was promoted to southeastern
12 regional sales manager out of Jacksonville, Florida, in 1949, and joined
13 Western Hatcheries in Dallas in 1951, where he became vice president; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 1956 Hinshaw joined Arbor Acres, a world-wide poultry
16 producer; came to Springdale to start a breeder farm; and went on to
17 establish hatcheries in Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, and Pakistan;
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20 WHEREAS, Hinshaw subsequently left the poultry business for cattle,
21 growing his cattle business into a five-ranch operation with three (3)
22 properties in Arkansas and two (2) in Missouri; and

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24 WHEREAS, Hinshaw was president of the Arkansas Poultry Association,
25 being elected its Man of the Year in 1962; president of the Arkansas
26 Cattlemen's Association and Arkansas Cattlemen's Foundation, where he was
27 instrumental in establishing its museum; and president of the Arkansas
28 Thoroughbred Breeder's Association; and

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30 WHEREAS, Hinshaw was a founder of the Tontitown Area Volunteer Fire
31 Department; a member of the board of First State Bank from 1969 to 1989;
32 served as commissioner on the Springdale Housing Authority from 1967 to 1989,
33 including two (2) years as president; and was vice president of the
34 Springdale Savings and Loan Association; and

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36 WHEREAS, in 2002 the University of Arkansas honored Hinshaw for his

1 contributions and service to the Department of Animal Science; and

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3 WHEREAS, Hinshaw began his political career in 1976 on the Washington
4 County Quorum Court at the beginning of the regional Northwest Arkansas boom
5 in the mid-70's, and was re-elected in 1978 and 1980 without opposition
6 before leaving for the General Assembly; and

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8 WHEREAS, Hinshaw served in the Arkansas House of Representatives for
9 sixteen (16) consecutive years through 1996, legislating "with equity in
10 mind" according to the book produced by the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in
11 Springdale entitled The History of Washington County; and

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13 WHEREAS, during his years as a member of the General Assembly, Hinshaw
14 wrote a column for The Springdale News and authored Call the Roll: A History
15 of the First 150 Years of the Arkansas Legislature; and

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17 WHEREAS, Hinshaw, a pioneer Republican in Arkansas, was highly regarded
18 by both Republicans and Democrats, and never permitting partisanship to
19 interfere with his integrity and professionalism as a legislator; and

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21 WHEREAS, Hinshaw's strong but unsuccessful campaign for Arkansas' Third
22 District U.S. Congressional seat against twenty-two-year incumbent Jim
23 Trimble in 1964 inspired John Paul Hammerschmidt to successfully run for the
24 seat two (2) years later, and the seat has remained in GOP hands ever since;
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27 WHEREAS, Hinshaw "was a Republican in the General Assembly when, as the
28 saying goes, it wasn't cool to be a Republican" according to Lt. Gov. Win
29 Rockefeller, paving the way for Republican success in Arkansas; and

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31 WHEREAS, Hinshaw is survived by his wife, Betty; three (3) daughters,
32 Dr. Sunny Hinshaw of Springdale, Cathryn Hinshaw of Little Rock, and Dawn
33 Hinshaw and husband Michael Latham of Columbia, South Carolina; one (1) son,
34 Ross Hinshaw, of Fayetteville; four (4) grandchildren, Waylon Hinshaw, Carrie
35 Hinshaw, Eli Latham, and Graham Latham; one (1) great-grandson, Colston Ross
36 Hinshaw; a brother, Don Hinshaw; an uncle, C. J. Hinshaw; three (3) half-

1 brothers; and many other loved ones; and

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3 WHEREAS, Jerry Hinshaw will be sorely missed for his service to the
4 state and his community, his devotion to family and friends, and the stories,
5 laughter, and love he shared with us,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
9 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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11 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly of the State of
12 Arkansas honors the memory of Jerry Hinshaw, with grateful appreciation for
13 his community service and pioneering contributions to Northwest Arkansas and
14 Arkansas politics.