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SENATE RESOLUTION

11 HONORING THE CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF GENERAL
12 WESLEY CLARK.

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Subtitle

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16 GENERAL WESLEY CLARK.

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19 WHEREAS, at a young age General Wesley Clark moved with his mother to
20 Little Rock, Arkansas, after the death of his father, where he grew up and
21 became a star swimmer and top student at Little Rock's Hall High School; and
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23 WHEREAS, at age seventeen Clark entered the U. S. Military Academy at
24 West Point where he finished first in his class in 1966 and his record earned
25 him a Rhodes scholarship; and
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27 WHEREAS, from 1966 to 1968 Clark attended Oxford University, receiving
28 a Master's Degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, then attended Army
29 Ranger school for seventy-two days of training prior to leaving for Vietnam;
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32 WHEREAS, as a twenty-five-year-old army captain in Vietnam Clark earned
33 the Silver Star for his valor in commanding his troops to quickly overrun
34 enemy positions after being shot four times by a well-concealed insurgent
35 element; and
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1 WHEREAS, Clark was widely heralded throughout his military career as a
2 brilliant and gifted officer of the rarest potential, a superb battalion
3 commander, innovative, hard-working, and a professional in every respect
4 whose success was inevitable; and

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6 WHEREAS, General Clark served as Commanding General for the First
7 Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas, from 1992 to 1994, where he
8 transitioned the division into a rapidly deployable force and conducted three
9 emergency deployments to Kuwait; and

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11 WHEREAS, General Clark served as Commanding General of the United
12 States Southern Command in Quarry Heights, Panama, from 1996 to 1997, where
13 he commanded all United States forces and was responsible for the direction
14 of most United States military activities and interests in Latin America and
15 the Caribbean; and

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17 WHEREAS, General Clark led the military negotiations in 1995 that led
18 to the Dayton Peace Accords leading to peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina; and

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20 WHEREAS, from 1997 to May 2000, General Clark served as Supreme Allied
21 Commander, Europe, engaging in high-level diplomacy to lead a multinational
22 force in the 1999 Kosovo Conflict. Through his direction, NATO and the
23 United States were able to halt ethnic cleansing in Kosovo and return 1.5
24 million ethnic Albanians to their homes without the loss of a single American
25 life,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,
28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
29 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 That the Senate of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly of the State of
32 Arkansas honors the career and achievements of General Wesley Clark.