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5 By: Senators Madison, Brown, Horn, Salmon, Trusty, Whitaker, R. Thompson, Luker
6 By: Representative Adcock
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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**
10 **RESOLUTION**

11 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF JUDGE ELSIJANE TRIMBLE
12 ROY AND IN RECOGNITION OF HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS
13 TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE STATE OF
14 ARKANSAS, AND HER LOCAL COMMUNITY.
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24 WHEREAS, retired federal Judge ElsiJane Trimble Roy of Little Rock,
25 Arkansas, died on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at the age of ninety (90); and
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27 WHEREAS, Judge Roy was born in Lonoke, Arkansas, on April 2, 1916, to
28 Elsie and Judge Thomas Clark Trimble; and
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30 WHEREAS, Judge Roy graduated in 1934 from Lonoke High School in Lonoke,
31 Arkansas, as valedictorian; was a basketball and sports star while in high
32 school; was the women's singles tennis champion for two (2) years at the
33 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; and graduated in 1939 from the
34 University of Arkansas School of Law, where she was the only female in the
35 graduating class; and
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1 WHEREAS, Judge Roy was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church
2 of Lonoke and taught a women's Sunday school class while living in
3 Blytheville, Arkansas; and
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5 WHEREAS, Judge Roy practiced both public and private law in Lonoke,
6 Little Rock, and Blytheville, Arkansas; in 1966, became the first female
7 circuit judge in the state; in 1975, became the first female Arkansas Supreme
8 Court Justice; and in 1977, became the first female judge on the Eighth
9 Circuit Court of Appeals after being appointed by President Jimmy Carter; and
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11 WHEREAS, Judge Roy followed her father, Judge Thomas Clark Trimble to
12 the federal bench and presided in the same courtroom where her father served
13 for twenty (20) years; and retired from the federal bench in 1999 after
14 twenty-one (21) years; and
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16 WHEREAS, Judge Roy received numerous awards and honors through the
17 years, including her selection as Woman of the Year by the Business and
18 Professional Women's Club in 1969; was chosen Arkansas Democratic Woman of
19 the Year in 1979, an honor her mother also received; and received the
20 Outstanding Appellate Judge Award for 1976-1977 by the Arkansas Trial Lawyers
21 Association; and
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23 WHEREAS, Judge Roy was preceded in death by her parents; a brother,
24 Thomas Trimble; and a sister, Molly Verser; and
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26 WHEREAS, Judge Roy is survived by her son, Jim Roy and wife Bea of
27 Springdale, Arkansas; two (2) grandchildren, Allyson Roy Patrick and husband
28 Ashley of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Tommy Roy and wife Christa of
29 Springdale, Arkansas; four (4) great-grandchildren; a brother, Walls Trimble
30 of Little Rock, Arkansas; a sister, Sue Measel of Birmingham, Alabama; and
31 many nieces and nephews; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly wishes to
34 publicly recognize Judge Roy's contributions to the United States of America,
35 the State of Arkansas, and her local community,
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1 NOW THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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5 THAT the Senate recognizes Judge ElsiJane Trimble Roy's commitment,
6 hard work, dedication, and service to the United States of America, the State
7 of Arkansas, and her local community, and commends her for her leadership.
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual members of the Senate hereby
10 express sincere condolences to the family of Judge Roy, and upon adoption of
11 this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of Judge
12 Roy by the Secretary of the Senate.
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