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5 By: Representative Carter
6 By: Senator E. Williams

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**
9 **RESOLUTION**

10 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JAMES MARVIN PARK AND IN
11 RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
12 ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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15 **Subtitle**

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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25 *WHEREAS, Mr. James Marvin 'J.M.' Park of Cabot, Arkansas, died on*
26 *Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the age of eighty (80) years; and*

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28 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park, long known as a community leader, had a large*
29 *influence on Cabot and its growth; and*

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31 *WHEREAS, Senator Eddie Joe Williams said, "When you think of Cabot, you*
32 *think of J.M. Park and the Park family."; and Senator Williams worked with*
33 *Mr. Park as a city council member, mayor, and organizer of Lonoke County Safe*
34 *Haven; and*

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36 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park was born October 10, 1930, to Marvin and Sue*



1 *Worthington Park and was a member of Cabot United Methodist Church for*
2 *seventy-two (72) years; and*

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4 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park was a 1953 graduate of the University of Arkansas at*
5 *Fayetteville and was president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; and*

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7 *WHEREAS, after college, Mr. Park served in the United States Army in*
8 *Korea; and he eventually returned to Cabot with his wife, Carolyn Blanks*
9 *Park, to begin his career with the Bank of Cabot, now Centennial Bank; and*

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11 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park worked at the Bank of Cabot for forty-one (41) years,*
12 *rising to president and chairman of the board; and he retired in 1996; and*

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14 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park's community service included serving on the Cabot*
15 *City Council and the Cabot School District board of trustees; and he was*
16 *active with the Cabot Lions Club and the Cabot Chamber of Commerce, where his*
17 *service led to his three-time election as the city's Man of the Year; and*

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19 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park extended his service across Arkansas; he served two*
20 *(2) terms, 1981-1987, on the Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute*
21 *board of directors; he also served on the Arkansas Student Loan Authority*
22 *board of directors from 1984-1990; the Arkansas Independent Bankers*
23 *Association and the board of directors of Home Bancshares, Centennial Bank's*
24 *parent corporation; and he was also a founding director of the Arkansas*
25 *Bankers Bank, serving as president of its board at the time of his retirement*
26 *in 1995; and*

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28 *WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Park oversaw the organizing and commissioning of*
29 *the Cabot Water and Wastewater Commission, the establishment of the Cabot*
30 *Waterworks, and construction of the new Cabot Wastewater Treatment Plant; and*
31 *he also administered the planning and implementation of the Northbelt*
32 *Transmission Line, a 30-mile pipeline to ensure Cabot's water supply; and*

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34 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park was also instrumental in the establishment of Lonoke*
35 *County Safe Haven, a shelter and advisory service for abused women and their*
36 *children; and Safe Haven director Brenda Reynolds said everyone connected to*

1 *the shelter – volunteers, staff and, especially, the clients – owes a debt of*
2 *gratitude to Park, saying “It is very painful to lose someone we have been so*
3 *close to. We owe everything to him and the Park family.”; and*

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5 *WHEREAS, Mr. Park was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Joe*
6 *W. Park; and survivors include his wife, Carolyn; three (3) daughters, Susan*
7 *Esche and husband Eric, Holly Park and partner Fran Lane, and Allison Park*
8 *and husband Rupal Bhatt; and grandson, James Eric Esche,*

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10 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
11 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING
12 THEREIN:

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14 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes Mr. James Marvin Park’s
15 commitment, hard work, dedication, and years of service to his local
16 *community and the State of Arkansas, and commends him for his leadership.*

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of
19 Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Park,
20 and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided
21 to the family of Mr. Park by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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