1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed:	H3/17/15		
2	90th General Assembly				
3	Regular Session, 2015 HMR 1004				
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5	By: Representatives V. Flowers, K. Ferguson				
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8	HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION				
9	TO HONOR CLARK TERRY, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO				
10	MUSIC AND	MUSIC EDUCATION THE	ROUGH HIS CAREER AS A		
11	JAZZ MUSI	CIAN, EDUCATOR, AND	MENTOR; AND TO PROMOTE		
12	THE IMPOR	TANCE OF MUSICAL PE	RFORMANCE AND MUSIC		
13	EDUCATION	IN ARKANSAS.			
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17	TO H	HONOR CLARK TERRY, J	TR., FOR HIS		
18	CONT	TRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC;	AND TO PROMOTE		
19	THE	IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC	CAL PERFORMANCE AND		
20	MUSI	C EDUCATION IN ARKA	NSAS.		
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23	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE	HOUSE OF REPRESENTA	ATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENER	RAL	
24	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE	OF ARKANSAS:			
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26	WHEREAS, Clark	Terry, Jr., was born	n on December 14, 1920, to C	lark	
27	Terry, Sr., and Mary	Terry in St. Louis,	Missouri, and he was the 7th	h of 11	
28	children; and				
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30	WHEREAS, Mr. T	erry and his brothe	r would make instruments out	of	
31	household items because they did not have the money to purchase an				
32	instrument, and later Mr. Terry would become one of the most recorded			1	
33	musicians in the hist	ory of jazz, making	more than 900 recordings; as	ıd	
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35	WHEREAS, in 194	2, Mr. Terry enlist	ed in the United States Navy	and	
36	nlayed with the Unite	d States Naval Rand	while stationed in Chicago		

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1	Illinois, where he also began to play with professionals such as Charlie		
2	Barnet, Lionel Hampton, and George Hudson; and		
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4	WHEREAS, in 1959, Mr. Terry played with the Quincy Jones orchestra and		
5	the next year, he accepted an invitation to join the Tonight Show band, where		
6	he became the first African-American staff musician employed by the National		
7	Broadcasting Company (NBC), and he remained a part of the Tonight Show band		
8	for 12 years; and		
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10	WHEREAS, Mr. Terry went on to perform for 8 United States Presidents		
11	and to serve as a jazz ambassador for State Department tours in the Middle		
12	East and Africa; and		
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14	WHEREAS, Mr. Terry also collaborated with music icons Duke Ellington,		
15	Charles Mingus, and Count Basie; and		
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17	WHEREAS, Mr. Terry was mentored by Louis Armstrong, and Mr. Terry		
18	became a mentor to generations of jazz players, including Miles Davis and		
19	Wynton Marsalis; and		
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21	WHEREAS, Mr. Terry received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for		
22	his contributions to jazz music, 2 Grammy certificates, 3 Grammy Award		
23	nominations, many honorary doctorates, and he was named a National Endowment		
24	for the Arts Jazz Master; and		
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26	WHEREAS, Mr. Terry's contributions to music education were as important		
27	as his many recordings and collaborations, as the trumpeter spent years		
28	teaching the art of jazz; and		
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30	WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Terry and his wife, Gwen, retired to Pine Bluff,		
31	Arkansas, where Mr. Terry taught as an adjunct professor at the University of		
32	Arkansas at Pine Bluff and mentored music students; and		
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34	WHEREAS, Mr. Terry passed away on February 21, 2015, in Pine Bluff,		
35	Arkansas at 94 years of age; and		

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1	WHEREAS, Mr. Terry's jazz career as a trumpeter, educator, and jazz			
2	ambassador spanned more than seventy years, included collaborations with some			
3	of the biggest names in American music, and left an unforgettable mark on			
4	jazz music,			
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6	NOW THEREFORE,			
7	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL			
8	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:			
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10	THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly			
11	honors the memory of Clark Terry, Jr., recognizes and appreciates his			
12	contributions to music and music education through his career as a jazz			
13	musician, educator, and mentor, and extends its sincere condolences to the			
14	family of Clark Terry, Jr.			
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16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this			
17	resolution be provided to Gwen Terry by the Chief Clerk of the House of			
18	Representatives.			
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20	/s/V. Flowers			
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