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5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL
9 SCIENCES' CONFERENCE PRESENTATION OF A RESEARCH STUDY
10 ENTITLED "AN EXTENDED FAMILY MODEL OF DIABETES SELF-
11 MANAGEMENT EDUCATION TO REDUCE DISPARITIES IN A
12 UNITED STATES PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY".
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15 **Subtitle**

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20 DISPARITIES IN A UNITED STATES PACIFIC
21 ISLANDER COMMUNITY".
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24 WHEREAS, Peter O. Kohler, M.D., *Pearl McElfish, Ph.D.*, and Mandy Ritok
25 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences were invited to
26 participate in the Engagement in Research Learning Lab featuring Project
27 Engagement Structures at the annual meeting of the Patient-Centered Outcomes
28 Research Institute on November 17-19, 2016, at the Gaylord National Resort
29 and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland; and
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31 WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Extended
32 Family Model of Diabetes Self-Management Education to Reduce Disparities in a
33 United States Pacific Islander Community project, a research project led by
34 Dr. *Kohler, Dr. McElfish*, and Ms. Ritok, was specifically selected to be
35 highlighted at the annual meeting, featuring Project Engagement Structures as
36 a project in which Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute has invested;



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3 WHEREAS, the Marshallese population suffers from a significant and
4 disproportionate burden of type 2 diabetes, and the rate of type 2 diabetes
5 among the Marshallese is among the highest of any population groups in the
6 world, at least four hundred percent (400%) higher than the general United
7 States population; and

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9 WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences team uses a
10 Community-Based Participatory Research method to engage patients and
11 stakeholders in the study and hypothesizes that an adapted Extended Family
12 Model of Diabetes Self-Management Education based on the collectivist,
13 family-centered values of the Marshallese community will result in better
14 diabetes management outcomes compared with traditional Diabetes Self-
15 Management Education; and

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17 WHEREAS, this study by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
18 is a major research project to be funded in Arkansas by the Patient-Centered
19 Outcomes Research Institute since it was established by the Patient
20 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and parallels the belief of the
21 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute that combining patients and
22 other stakeholders' experiences and passion for improving healthcare quality
23 with the expertise of researchers will result in research that better meets
24 the needs of the healthcare community,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas congratulate and commend Dr.
31 Peter O. Kohler, Dr. Pearl McElfish, Ms. Mandy Ritok, the University of
32 Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
33 Institute for outstanding partnerships to help change the culture of research
34 itself by bringing together patients and other stakeholders from across the
35 healthcare community to help drive more useful and relevant research about
36 what works best, and for whom.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy to Dr. *Kohler*, Dr. *McElfish*, Ms. Ritok, and Joe V. Selby, M.D., MPH, Executive Director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

/s/L. Chesterfield