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10 **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**
11 **RESOLUTION**

12 TO REMEMBER MATT DECAMPLE AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
13 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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16 **Subtitle**

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18 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Matt DeCample, the former spokesman for Attorney General
22 and Governor Mike Beebe, lost his three-year battle against an extremely rare
23 and aggressive liver cancer on Sunday, March 3, 2019, in Little Rock,
24 Arkansas, at the age of 44; and

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WHEREAS, a Seattle native who got his start in Arkansas when he was
hired to work in the newsroom at Little Rock station KATV, Mr. DeCample was
41 years old when he received a Stage 4 cancer diagnosis, a year and a half
after the end of the Beebe administration; and

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31 WHEREAS, Mr. DeCample endured many hours of chemotherapy with his own
32 delightful blend of blogging, improv comedy, and many deep friendships,
33 saying, "Humor is how I cope. I'm going to make jokes. It comes in handy";
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WHEREAS, following his work in government, Mr. DeCample went on to



1 become a consultant in media relations and communications, and continued to
2 build on his reputation for honesty, humility, keen intelligence, sincerity,
3 kindness, dependability, and having a quick wit and an ever-present smile;
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6 WHEREAS, former Governor Beebe said Mr. DeCample had “the rare
7 combination of an incredibly quick mind and a depth of knowledge that was
8 truly astounding. He was calm and extremely honest and his credibility was
9 unquestioned. We were lucky to have known him. We will not see his like
10 again”,

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12 NOW THEREFORE,
13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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16 THAT the Senate remembers and thanks Mr. Matt DeCample for his service
17 and contributions to the State of Arkansas.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
20 provided to Mr. DeCample’s parents, Linda and Richard DeCample, by the
21 Secretary of the Senate.