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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE MR. AL HUNT FOR HIS EFFORTS IN
9 ADVOCATING FOR RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE ON BEHALF OF
10 HIMSELF AND OTHERS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND
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22 WHEREAS, approximately 31% of adult Arkansans have some type of
23 disability; and
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25 WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities should be treated with respect
26 in all aspects of government, including in the language of the laws intended
27 to govern them; and
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29 WHEREAS, language used to describe individuals with disabilities has
30 evolved over time, and certain descriptive words have become outdated; and
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32 WHEREAS, Mr. Al Hunt, born in Little Rock in 2003 and diagnosed with
33 Down syndrome, has advocated on behalf of himself and his peers for the
34 removal of outdated and deprecating language from the Arkansas Code in order
35 to ensure the Arkansas Code reflects the most current, correct, and
36 respectful language in referencing individuals with disabilities of all



1 kinds,

3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
5 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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7 THAT the Senate recognizes and appreciates the work of Mr. Al
8 Hunt in his advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental
9 disabilities.

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
12 provided to Mr. Hunt by the Secretary of the Senate.