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9 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

10 TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
11 THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS.

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14 **Subtitle**

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19 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Nations is an association of fifty-six
20 (56) sovereign nations that support each other and work together towards
21 international goals; and

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23 WHEREAS, membership in the Commonwealth of Nations will provide the
24 United States with a number of economic and diplomatic benefits; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Nations is a diverse and influential group
27 of countries that collectively account for a significant portion of global
28 trade and economic activity. By joining the Commonwealth of Nations, the
29 United States will have the opportunity to strengthen its economic ties with
30 these countries and potentially increase trade and investment; and

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32 WHEREAS, in addition to economic benefits, membership in the
33 Commonwealth of Nations will also enhance the United States' diplomatic
34 standing on the global stage. The Commonwealth of Nations is a forum for
35 member countries to engage in dialogue and cooperation on a wide range of
36 issues, including human rights, democracy, and development. By joining the

1 Commonwealth of Nations, the United States will have the opportunity to work
2 with other member countries to address global challenges and promote mutual
3 interests; and
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5 WHEREAS, joining the Commonwealth of Nations will help to strengthen
6 the country's cultural ties with other nations. The Commonwealth of Nations
7 is made up of countries with a shared history and cultural heritage, and
8 membership will allow the United States to deepen its connections with these
9 countries. This could lead to increased cultural exchange and understanding
10 between the United States and other member countries,
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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 THAT the House of Representatives encourage the United States Congress
17 and the President of the United States to have the United States become a
18 member of the Commonwealth of Nations.
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
21 copy be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the
22 majority leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
23 House of Representatives, members of the Arkansas congressional delegation,
24 and the President of the United States.
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27 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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