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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 WHEREAS, Roy Ragland began his career with the House of Representatives  
28 in 2005 and after nineteen (19) years with the state will retire; and  
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30 WHEREAS, Roy Ragland, was elected to the House of Representatives in  
31 2004 to represent the citizens of Madison County, Newton County, and parts of  
32 Searcy County; and  
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34 WHEREAS, Roy Ragland served his district and the State of Arkansas as a  
35 member of the House of Representatives from 2005 through 2011; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Roy Ragland was known to his colleagues in the House of  
2 Representatives as a man of dignity, a man who looked after the interests of  
3 all citizens of the state, and a man of his word; and  
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5           WHEREAS, after leaving the House of Representatives, Roy Ragland  
6 continued his service in state government by working as the Deputy Director  
7 of Governmental Affairs for former Secretary of State Mark Martin; and  
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9           WHEREAS, understanding the need for a person with knowledge of the  
10 House of Representatives, former Speaker Davy Carter brought Roy Ragland back  
11 to the place he belonged as the Director of Member Services in December of  
12 2012; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Roy Ragland's commitment to and love of the House of  
15 Representatives was evident to members on both sides of the aisle, and in  
16 2016 he was promoted to Deputy Chief of Staff by former Speaker Jeremy  
17 Gillam; and  
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19           WHEREAS, just one (1) year later, former Speaker Gillam promoted Roy  
20 Ragland to serve as the Chief of Staff for the House of Representatives; and  
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22           WHEREAS, Roy Ragland, while working for the House of Representatives,  
23 earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in History in  
24 August of 2018 and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the  
25 University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2020; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Roy Ragland has witnessed the evolution of the change in  
28 majority party control from Democratic to Republican for the first time since  
29 Reconstruction in the House of Representatives; and  
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31           WHEREAS, Roy Ragland has been a counselor, mentor, confidant, and  
32 friend to the House of Representatives members and House of Representatives  
33 staff while preserving the standard of his role in the House of  
34 Representatives and protecting the legislative institution as a whole; and  
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36           WHEREAS, Roy Ragland is admired and respected by the members of the

1 House of Representatives for his discretion, historical knowledge of the  
2 House of Representatives, humor, kindness, and insight; and

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4 WHEREAS, Roy Ragland has been integral in forging a strong working  
5 relationship between the House of Representatives and the Bureau of  
6 Legislative Research and has done so to ensure a cohesive General Assembly  
7 that works toward a common goal; and

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9 WHEREAS, while Roy Ragland will be greatly missed by the General  
10 Assembly, his retirement will allow him to spend more time with his wife Gail  
11 Ragland, his son Jeremy, and his extended family; and

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13 WHEREAS, Speaker Matthew Shepherd stated “Roy’s dedication and tireless  
14 commitment to the House has helped the General Assembly through numerous  
15 challenges and successes. From organizing a session in a basketball arena  
16 during an unprecedented time to daily ensuring members and staff have what  
17 they need to serve the people of Arkansas, Roy has been an invaluable member  
18 of my leadership team and I will miss his counsel. I wish him the very best  
19 in his well-earned retirement”,

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21 NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 THAT the House of Representatives commends Roy Ragland for his  
26 distinguished service to the State of Arkansas and the legislative branch of  
27 government, thanks him for his countless contributions, and wishes him all  
28 the best in his retirement.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be  
31 provided to Roy Ragland by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.