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HR 1043

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 SUPPORTING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY REGARDING
9 MATERIALS COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 SUPPORTING TRANSPARENCY AND
14 ACCOUNTABILITY REGARDING MATERIALS
15 COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING.

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18 WHEREAS, municipal recycling programs designate various types of
19 materials to be separated from the waste stream with the intent that these
20 materials will be recycled by being reprocessed and returned to the
21 marketplace; and

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23 WHEREAS, a public trust exists when Arkansas citizens participate in
24 municipal recycling programs and these citizens rightfully expect that the
25 materials collected will in fact be recycled; and

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27 WHEREAS, a portion of the materials collected for recycling by
28 municipal recycling programs are not being recycled, either because collected
29 materials are contaminated or there is no economically viable market for the
30 materials; and

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32 WHEREAS, citizens of the Natural State deserve transparency and
33 accountability regarding the total volume of materials collected for
34 recycling by a municipal recycling program and the percentage of that volume
35 which is actually recycled and the percentage that is not recycled,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 That the General Assembly commends municipal recycling programs that
6 honor the public trust by providing documentation of the volume and
7 percentage of material that is actually recycled from the municipal program
8 as well as the volume and percentage of material which is not recycled; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Assembly encourages all municipal
11 recycling programs to include transparency and accountability clauses in any
12 solid waste collection agreements in order to assure citizens that materials
13 collected for recycling are, in fact, being re-processed and returned to the
14 marketplace.

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