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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress  
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## 8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. OVID SWITZER, SR., AND IN  
10 RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF  
11 ARKANSAS AND TO HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

### 12 **Subtitle**

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15 SWITZER, SR., AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS  
16 MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF  
17 ARKANSAS AND TO HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Ovid Switzer, Sr. of Crossett, Arkansas, died on Wednesday,  
21 February 7, 2001, at the age of ninety-seven years; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Switzer was a graduate of Crossett High School and  
23 Mississippi State College, and he practiced law in Crossett for more than  
24 sixty years; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Switzer served in the Arkansas Senate from 1935-1938, and  
26 served Ashley County as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for twelve years; he was a  
27 member of the Arkansas State Bar Association and past president of the Ashley  
28 County Bar Association and the Southeast Arkansas Legal Institute; he was a  
29 charter member and past president of the Crossett Riding Club, and a long time  
30 member of First Baptist Church, Crossett Rotary Club and Prairie Country Club;  
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32 WHEREAS, Mr. Switzer served as Commissioner of the Arkansas Department  
33 of Parks and Tourism under four governors, and in 1979 was designated  
34 Commissioner Emeritus by the Arkansas Legislature; in 1982, he became the  
35 first person to be inducted into the Arkansas Tourism Hall of Fame; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Switzer is survived by three sons, Ovid, Jr., Bruce, and

1 Phil, his long-time companion, Bettye Melton, eight grandchildren, two great-  
2 grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and

3 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-third General Assembly wishes to  
4 publicly recognize Mr. Switzer's many contributions to the State of Arkansas  
5 and to his local community,  
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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
9 OF ARKANSAS:

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11 That this Resolution is adopted in respectful memory of Mr. Ovid  
12 Switzer, Sr., of Crossett, Arkansas, and in recognition of his many invaluable  
13 contributions to the State of Arkansas and to his local community.  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate and the individual members of the  
16 Senate hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Switzer.  
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