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5 By: Representatives Pennartz, Glidewell, Medley
6 By: Senators Wilkinson, Altes

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING CIRCUIT JUDGE ROBERT NORMAN WILKINSON
11 UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH AND FOR HIS
12 DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO SEBASTIAN
13 COUNTY.

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15 **Subtitle**

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23 WHEREAS, the Honorable Circuit Judge Robert Norman Wilkinson was born
24 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on May 30, 1955, to Means and Betty Forbus
25 Wilkinson; and

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27 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson attended Greenwood public schools and
28 graduated from high school in May 1973; and attended the University of
29 Arkansas at Fayetteville for his undergraduate degree and his law degree,
30 graduating in 1977 and 1980 respectively; and

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32 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson began his career as a teller and bookkeeper at
33 Farmers Bank of Greenwood, Arkansas, eventually working his way up to General
34 Counsel; became a bank director in 1992; served on the bank's Liability
35 Management and Trust Committees; and served as Chair of the bank's Audit
36 Committee; and



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2 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson was admitted to practice law in Arkansas in
3 1980; organized a private law firm in 1980; engaged in the practice of law
4 from 1980 until 1996; and is also a certified public accountant; and
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6 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson was elected circuit/chancery judge in 1996,
7 serving Sebastian County, and retired in 2007; and
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9 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson is a past Master of Sebastian Lodge in Fort
10 Smith, Arkansas; past president of the Downtown Sertoma Club in Fort Smith,
11 Arkansas; member of the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce; member of
12 the Fort Smith Boys Club Alumni Association; a former member of the Fort
13 Smith Art Center; and a member of the Goddard United Methodist Church in Fort
14 Smith, Arkansas; and
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16 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson is a member of the Sebastian County Bar
17 Association; a member of the Arkansas Bar Association; a member of the
18 American Bar Association; and a member of the American Judges Association;
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21 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson is professionally involved in the American
22 Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Arkansas Society of Certified
23 Public Accountants, and the Western Arkansas Estate Planning Council; and
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25 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson has served with distinction as an attorney and
26 a judge during his career and is admired by attorneys and litigants alike;
27 and has served his community and the State of Arkansas with tireless
28 dedication; and
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30 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson has three (3) children, Christine Marie,
31 Jeffery Norman, and Jenny Catherine; and five (5) grandchildren, Callie
32 Casey, Cooper, Haley, and Raymond,
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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL
36 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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THAT the House of Representatives commends the Honorable Circuit Judge Robert Norman Wilkinson on his dedicated and distinguished service as a judge for Sebastian County and wishes him well upon his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to Judge Wilkinson by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.