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2 86th General Assembly
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5 By: Senator Critcher
6 By: Representative Wyatt

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF
11 CHARLES O. CRANFORD, DDS, MPA.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 SERVICE OF CHARLES O. CRANFORD, DDS,
16 MPA.

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19 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Cranford is Vice Chancellor for Regional Programs
20 and Executive Director of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program at
21 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS); and

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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Cranford graduated from Bethel College, McKenzie,
24 Tennessee, in 1955 in Predental studies and from the University of Tennessee,
25 College of Dentistry, Memphis, Tennessee, in 1958 as a Doctor of Dental
26 Surgery; and

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28 WHEREAS, upon graduation, Dr. Cranford entered the Public Health
29 Service Corps, serving for twenty (20) years in various posts from Montana to
30 Texas; and

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32 WHEREAS, in 1972, Dr. Cranford graduated with the inaugural class at
33 the University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon Johnson School of Public Affairs
34 with a Master of Public Affairs degree; and

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36 WHEREAS, following his career with the Public Health Service Corps, Dr.



1 Cranford served as Assistant Vice President for Administrator, University of
2 Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 1985, Dr. Cranford came to the University of Arkansas for
5 Medical Sciences as the Executive Director of the AHEC Program; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 1986, Dr. Cranford was instrumental in obtaining the first
8 federal funding for the Arkansas AHEC Program; and

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10 WHEREAS, in 1990, Dr. Cranford obtained funding to create the Delta
11 Health Education Center in Helena, Arkansas, which later became the seventh
12 AHEC in the state; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 1993, Dr. Cranford began an international partnership with
15 the Volgograd State Medical University of Volgograd, Russia, which endures to
16 this day; and

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18 WHEREAS, in 1994, Dr. Cranford was named Vice Chancellor for Regional
19 Programs, including the Area Health Education Centers Program and the Rural
20 Hospital Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2002, Dr. Cranford was appointed as a Professor of Health
23 Policy and Management in the College of Public Health at the University of
24 Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

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26 WHEREAS, Dr. Cranford was appointed Inaugural Professor, Clinton School
27 of Public Service, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, in 2003;
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30 WHEREAS, Dr. Cranford has served on numerous committees, both local
31 and national, including the National Advisory Council of the National Health
32 Service Corp, and the Health Resources and Services Agency Advisory Committee
33 on Interdisciplinary, Community-based Linkages; and

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35 WHEREAS, Dr. Cranford served as Project Director on the UAMS
36 Continuing Education for Bioterrorism Preparedness of Health Professionals

1 grant awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, bringing
2 \$2,960,740 to the State of Arkansas, and served as Project Director on
3 numerous other grants totaling over \$23,000,000; and
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5 WHEREAS, Dr. Cranford's leadership of Regional Programs has resulted
6 in improved health for all Arkansans; and
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Cranford is cherished by his wife Jan; his daughters
9 Karen, Carla, Kathy, Kelly, Mia, and Laurene; and his six (6) grandchildren,
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11 NOW THEREFORE,
12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE
13 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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15 That the Senate of the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly thanks Dr. Charles
16 Cranford for twenty-one (21) years of distinguished service to the State of
17 Arkansas, extends its heartfelt appreciation for the benefits his efforts
18 have brought to the citizens of this state, and wishes him the best in all
19 his future endeavors.
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