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5 By: Senator Broadway

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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. RICHARD OTTO
10 ROHWEDDER AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS
11 TO HISTORY AND TO HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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13 **Subtitle**

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Otto Rohwedder of Alexander, Arkansas, died on
21 Saturday, February 24, 2007, at the age of ninety-two (92); and

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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Rohwedder was born on January 9, 1915, in Saint Joseph,
24 Missouri, a son of the late Otto Frederich Rohwedder and Carrie Sophie
25 Johnson Rohwedder; and

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27 WHEREAS, Mr. Rohwedder graduated from the Missouri Military Academy and
28 the University of Iowa, where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity; and

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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Rohwedder was a member of the Davenport Masonic Lodge #37;
31 was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason; and was a United States Naval Officer
32 and veteran of World War II; and

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34 WHEREAS, Mr. Rohwedder was the first person to put a loaf of bread
35 through a bread slicer in 1928 after his father had worked on a slicing
36 machine for several years before perfecting the device in Iowa and the device



1 gained fame through use at the Chillicothe Baking Company in Chillicothe,
2 Missouri; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 2003, the residents of Chillicothe, Missouri, flew in Mr.
5 Rohwedder and the mayor presented him with a framed golden key to the city,
6 an accomplishment he never mentioned to his neighbors back home, who all
7 affectionately call him Mr. R; and

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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Rohwedder was an essential player and tireless advocate
10 for the community of Woodland Hills, now Alexander, Arkansas; and because of
11 his efforts, funds came through to construct a park for the children of his
12 community; and

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14 WHEREAS, Mr. Rohwedder is preceded in death by his parents; his wife,
15 Jeanette; and his sister, Margaret Steinhauer; and

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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Rohwedder is survived by his daughters, Christine Bryers
18 and husband George; Karen Welch and husband Reggie; grandchildren, Kiki
19 Heintz and husband Gregory; Erica Wallis and husband Todd; Hank Pierce and
20 wife Nicole; and Julie Nolte and husband Bart; and five (5) great-
21 grandchildren,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,
24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
25 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 THAT the Senate recognizes Mr. Richard Otto Rohwedder and his
28 contributions.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual members of the Senate hereby
31 express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Rohwedder, and upon adoption
32 of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family by
33 the Secretary of the Senate.