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5 By: Representative L. Smith
6 By: Senator Madison
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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**
10 **RESOLUTION**

11 *CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND*
12 *MOURNING THE PASSING OF, JAMES ROYCE JACKSON.*
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14 **Subtitle**

15 *CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS,*
16 *AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF, JAMES ROYCE*
17 *JACKSON.*
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20 *WHEREAS, James Royce Jackson of Fayetteville, Arkansas, former Law*
21 *Reference Librarian at the Young Law Library of the University of Arkansas*
22 *School of Law, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, of*
23 *amyotrophic lateral sclerosis at his home in Fayetteville; and*
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25 *WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was born in San Diego, California, on October 6,*
26 *1942, and grew up in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, where he was a clarinetist and*
27 *drum major in the school band and became an Eagle Scout; and*
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29 *WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from*
30 *Southern Methodist University in 1965, a Juris Doctorate from the University*
31 *of Arkansas School of Law in 1976, and a Master of Library and Information*
32 *Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1992; and*
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34 *WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson served in the Peace Corps at the health training*
35 *center in the village of Ramanagaram in Mysore State (now Karnataka), India,*
36 *from 1965 until 1967; upon his return, he was drafted into the United States*



1 *Army and served in Vietnam; and he wrote an engaging memoir about those two*
2 *disparate experiences, "Two Corps: Peace and War"; and*

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4 *WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a practicing attorney and worked in the Rogers*
5 *Public Library in Rogers, Arkansas, before joining the faculty of the Young*
6 *Law Library of the University of Arkansas School of Law , where he was a*
7 *Matthew Bender Fellow and a member of the American Association of Law*
8 *Librarians and the Native American Librarians Association; and*

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10 *WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a Senior Dharma Teacher in the Kwan Um School*
11 *of Zen, and he and his wife Barbara founded the Morning Star Zen Center in*
12 *Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 1986; and*

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14 *WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a kind, thoughtful, loving, and compassionate*
15 *man with a quiet and reserved manner who had deep and wide-ranging*
16 *intellectual interests; he was a gifted poet, a creative artist, a skilled*
17 *and hilariously funny storyteller, a talented musician, and an inspired*
18 *teacher; but the role he loved most and what he may have been best at was*
19 *being a father; his children meant everything to him, and he was a completely*
20 *caring, engaged, involved, and loving parent; and*

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22 *WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Barbara Taylor, James Royce Jackson*
23 *is survived by his son, Keefe N. Jackson of Chicago, Illinois; his daughter,*
24 *Margaret "Margot" E. E. Jackson of Fayetteville, Arkansas; his stepdaughter,*
25 *Jennifer E. Enos of Springdale, Arkansas; his stepson, Lev K. Desmarais of*
26 *Parker, Texas; and his three (3) grandchildren, Corinne T. McKimmey, Nathan*
27 *T. Enos, and Kailani R. Enos,*

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29 *NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-*
30 *SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING*
31 *THEREIN:*

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33 *THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate honor the memory of*
34 *James Royce Jackson; celebrate his life and significant contributions to*
35 *public service in his community, our state, our nation, and the world; and*
36 *remember him with the deepest admiration and respect for his intellect, his*

1 *service, and his personal warmth, courage, decency, humor, and consideration*
2 *for others.*

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/s/ L. Smith