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5 By: Representative Tyler
6 By: Senator G. Baker

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING MR. JIM DAVIDSON OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS,
11 ON FOUNDING AND CHAIRING THE BOOKCASE FOR EVERY
12 CHILD PROJECT AND FOR THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE
13 OF EACH MEMBER OF THE CONWAY BOOKCASE PROJECT
14 COMMITTEE.

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16 **Subtitle**

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25 WHEREAS, in American schools today, four (4) of every ten (10) students
26 drop out of school and do not graduate; sixty-one percent (61%) of low-income
27 homes do not have any books; and a child reared in an economically
28 disadvantaged home will hear only approximately two thousand nine hundred
29 (2,900) words before he or she reaches the first grade, while a child in a
30 reading-rich home will hear twice that many; and

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32 WHEREAS, we can help those who are very young and just starting out on
33 their journey through life through "A Bookcase for Every Child", a project
34 founded by Jim Davidson of Conway, Arkansas; and Mr. Davidson is currently
35 the chair of the Conway Bookcase Project; and

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1 WHEREAS, the "Bookcase for Every Child" project attempts to lower drop-
2 out rates and increase literacy by building personalized oak bookcases of
3 good quality and giving them, along with a starter set of gently used books,
4 to children three (3), four (4), and five (5) years of age who are enrolled
5 in a federal Head Start program; and

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7 WHEREAS, project volunteers read to these children each week at the
8 Head Start centers, but the primary focus is to encourage parents to read to
9 or with their children in the home environment; and the project is carried
10 out using no tax dollars or grants of any kinds; and

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12 WHEREAS, information can be found at www.bookcaseforeverychild.com, and
13 the Senate invites and encourages communities across the state to get
14 involved in Mr. Davidson's "A Bookcase for Every Child" project,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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20 That the House of Representatives commends Mr. Jim Davidson for
21 founding the "Bookcase for Every Child" project and chairing the Conway
22 Bookcase Project and encourages communities across the state to begin local
23 projects.

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
26 copy shall be provided to Mr. Davidson by the Chief Clerk of the House of
27 Representatives.