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5 By: Representative M. Martin
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8 HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

9 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. DELFORD ERNEST RIEFF
10 AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
11 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.
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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Delford Ernest Rieff of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, died on
21 February 1, 2009, at the age of ninety-nine (99) years; and
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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Rieff was a respected civic leader in the community,
24 having been associated with the Farmers & Merchants Bank for sixty-three (63)
25 years and was named president in 1941 and chairman of the board in 1954; and
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27 WHEREAS, Mr. Rieff was a member of First United Methodist Church in
28 Prairie Grove and served as trustee and treasurer; was Prairie Grove City
29 Treasurer and City Council member for thirty (30) years; and served as a
30 member of the Prairie Grove School Board, Washington County Fair Board,
31 Washington County Democrat Central Committee, Washington County Election
32 Commission, Masonic Lodge Number 436, Shriners International, Washington
33 County Soil Conservation, and Prairie Grove Battlefield Park Commission; and
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35 WHEREAS, Mr. Rieff served on the Washington County Hospital Board for
36 twenty (20) years and was a charter member of the Prairie Grove Lions Club;



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3 WHEREAS, Mr. Rieff is predeceased by his wife, Mamie Edmiston Rieff,
4 whom he married on June 27, 1935; three (3) sisters, Alice Baker, Bessie
5 McKnight, and Jewell McNeeley; and one (1) brother, Arvil Wade Rieff; and

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7 WHEREAS, Mr. Rieff is survived by one (1) son, James C. "Jim" Rieff,
8 and his wife Susan of Prairie Grove, Arkansas; two (2) granddaughters; and
9 four (4) great-grandchildren; and

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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Rieff was beloved by the community; and

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13 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Seventh General
14 Assembly wishes to publicly recognize Mr. Rieff's contributions to the State
15 of Arkansas and his local community,

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17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes Mr. Delford Ernest Rieff's
22 commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and
23 his local community, and commends him for his leadership.

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of
26 Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr.
27 Rieff, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be
28 provided to the family of Mr. Rieff by the Chief Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives.

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