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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE FOR ITS  
10 STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC  
11 HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
12 LIVING IN RURAL ARKANSAS.

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15 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE  
16 FOR ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO SENIOR  
17 CITIZENS IN ARKANSAS.  
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20 WHEREAS, the Eighty-Third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas  
21 provided money from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to create the  
22 Arkansas Aging Initiative; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, a program of the Donald W.  
25 Reynolds Institute on Aging, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,  
26 formed partnerships with local and regional hospitals, area health education  
27 centers, Area Agency on Aging, the Division of Aging and Adult Services of  
28 the Department of Human Services, local communities, and colleges and  
29 universities; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, using these partnerships,  
32 established the following comprehensive regional centers on aging to deliver  
33 specialized interdisciplinary geriatric healthcare and education programs to  
34 senior citizens residing in rural Arkansas: Delta Center on Aging (West  
35 Memphis), South Arkansas Center on Aging (El Dorado), West Central Arkansas  
36 Center on Aging (Fort Smith), Center on Aging – North East (Jonesboro), South



1 Central Center on Aging (Pine Bluff), Schmieding Center for Senior Health and  
2 Education (Springdale), and Texarkana Regional Center on Aging (Texarkana);  
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5 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, working with community leaders  
6 in Hot Springs and the Oaklawn Foundation for the Future of Hot Springs,  
7 established the Oaklawn Senior Health Care Center in Hot Springs; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative is working with community  
10 leaders in Mountain Home to plan and develop the Comprehensive Center for  
11 Seniors; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative continues to implement its  
14 master plans to provide specialized interdisciplinary geriatric healthcare  
15 and education programs through a network of comprehensive regional centers on  
16 aging with an eventual goal of being within sixty (60) miles of every  
17 Arkansas senior citizen,

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19 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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23 THAT the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas  
24 recognizes and commends Dr. Claudia Beverly and the Arkansas Aging Initiative  
25 Leadership Team for their efforts in designing, implementing, and operating  
26 the comprehensive program of specialized geriatric health services for our  
27 senior citizens and their families.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly of the  
30 State of Arkansas commends the participating hospital administrators,  
31 geriatricians, nurses, and other members of the health professional teams  
32 working in these rural areas for their commitment and devotion to improving  
33 the quality of life for senior citizens and their families.