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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kern Treat of Bull Shoals, Arkansas, died on March 17,  
23 2009, at the age of seventy-nine (79) years; and

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25 WHEREAS, Kern, the former Director of the Bureau of Legislative  
26 Research, completed fifty (50) years of service with the Bureau of  
27 Legislative Research; and

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29 WHEREAS, Kern was employed as Assistant Director of the Bureau of  
30 Legislative Research in February, 1954, and served in that capacity until  
31 January, 1988, when he became Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research  
32 and Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Legislative Council and served in  
33 this capacity until his retirement in 2004; and

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35 WHEREAS, Kern was born in Baxter County, Arkansas, and attended high  
36 school in Cotter, Arkansas; and



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WHEREAS, Kern graduated from Arkansas Tech University and received his law degree from the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Kern was dedicated to providing excellent service to all members of the General Assembly in a nonpartisan and impartial manner and set this same high standard for all bureau employees; and

WHEREAS, Kern's institutional knowledge and sound legal advice were invaluable to legislators over the years and are especially appreciated by many of the current members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Kern served as a mentor to so many at the bureau and his passion and professionalism continue to be seen in the work of those who had the privilege of learning from him; and

WHEREAS, through Kern's leadership, the bureau's services continually adapted to meet the changing needs of the General Assembly, such as those brought on by the era of term limits for legislators; and

WHEREAS, Kern's personality and friendly attitude made him a pleasure to work with, and Kern's service is appreciated by many people both in and out of state government; and

WHEREAS, Kern's dedication and outstanding work ethic were evident from his fifty years of service to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Kern's impact on the legislative process and service to the members will forever be felt; and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly wishes to publicly remember Mr. Kern Treat,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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That the members of the Senate remember and honor Kern Treat for his dedication, professionalism, and loyalty throughout fifty (50) years of dedicated service to the members of the General Assembly and express appreciation for his leadership and service as Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the individual members of the Senate hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Kern Treat and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of Mr. Treat by the Secretary of the Senate.