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11 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

12 WELCOMING THE RETURN OF FORMER PRESIDENT WILLIAM
13 JEFFERSON CLINTON TO THE STATE TO ADDRESS A JOINT
14 SESSION OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES AND HONORING HIS EXTENSIVE PUBLIC
16 SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE
17 OF ARKANSAS AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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19 **Subtitle**

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25 STATES.

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28 WHEREAS, William Jefferson Clinton, a native of Hope, Arkansas, was the
29 fortieth and forty-second Governor of the State of Arkansas and the forty-
30 second President of the United States; and

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32 WHEREAS, President Clinton's tenure as Governor of Arkansas, totaling
33 eleven (11) years and eleven (11) months, was the second longest in the
34 state's history; and

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36 WHEREAS, President Clinton was the second youngest Governor in the



1 state's history, and the third youngest person to become President after
2 Theodore Roosevelt and John Fitzgerald Kennedy; and

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4 WHEREAS, President Clinton's years as Governor were marked by
5 extensive efforts to reform the public school system and to spur economic
6 growth, working with lawmakers to enact numerous educational reforms, levy
7 taxes to improve education, and enact an array of laws to invite industrial
8 development and spur business investment; and

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10 WHEREAS, President Clinton's election as President of the United
11 States in 1992 was followed by the longest period of sustained economic
12 growth in the history of the United States; and

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14 WHEREAS, a controversial package of spending reductions and tax
15 increases early in President Clinton's first term as President and further
16 budget changes in 1997 led to the elimination of deficits in the federal
17 budget and to four (4) successive budget surpluses, the first time in fifty
18 (50) years since the United States government ran three (3) or more
19 consecutive budget surpluses; and

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21 WHEREAS, President Clinton presided as President and Commander-in-
22 Chief of the armed forces of the United States at the height of United
23 States' world supremacy and was admired by the citizens and leaders of
24 nations around the world,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the Senate:

31 (1) Welcomes the return of former President William Jefferson
32 Clinton to the state to address a joint session of the Senate and House of
33 Representatives; and

34 (2) Honors President Clinton's extensive public service and
35 achievements as Governor of the State of Arkansas and President of the United
36 States.