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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING SENATOR STEVE FARIS FOR HIS TENURE AS
10 NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE
11 EXCHANGE COUNCIL.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 TENURE AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE
16 AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL.

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19 WHEREAS, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) began in
20 September 1973 when a small group of state legislators and conservative
21 policy advocates launched an association for persons believing that
22 government closest to its constituents was more effective, more just, and a
23 better guarantor of freedom than federal government; and

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25 WHEREAS, ALEC creates and delivers policies on the protection and
26 expansion of free society and has created, developed, introduced, and enacted
27 many of the cutting-edge, conservative policies that have become law in the
28 states; and

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30 WHEREAS, ALEC has assembled task forces that have considered, written,
31 and approved hundreds of model bills on a wide range of issues; and

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33 WHEREAS, ALEC serves as an expansive national network of state
34 legislators that crosses geographic and political boundaries and affects all
35 levels of government; and

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1 WHEREAS, Senator Steve Faris joined ALEC in 1999 while serving in the
2 Arkansas House of Representatives; and

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4 WHEREAS, Senator Faris has served as ALEC's Arkansas State Chair and
5 has actively participated in ALEC task forces on Telecommunications and
6 Information Technology, Health and Human Services, Natural Resources, and
7 Public Safety and Elections; and

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9 WHEREAS, Senator Faris was elected to served on the ALEC Board of
10 Directors in 2001 and went on to serve as ALEC's National Chairman in 2008;
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13 WHEREAS, Senator Faris's contributions to ALEC, including his service
14 as National Chairman, have greatly enhanced the efforts and services of the
15 organization; and

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17 WHEREAS, Senator Faris's tenure as National Chairman of ALEC is
18 demonstrative of his high regard among his colleagues nationwide,

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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23 THAT the Senate acknowledges Senator Steve Faris for his contributions
24 to ALEC, including his successful tenure as National Chairman of ALEC, and
25 commends him for his outstanding service and leadership on a national level.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Senate deliver a
28 copy of this resolution to Senator Steve Faris.