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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING DR. JOSETTA WILKINS FOR  
10 A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO ARKANSAS AND HER  
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12 BREAST CANCER.  
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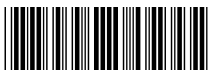
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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Joesetta Wilkins of Pine Bluff represented District 72 in  
24 the Arkansas House of Representatives from July 1991 through December 1998  
25 and is widely known for her crusade against breast cancer in Arkansas which  
26 led to the passage of the Breast Cancer Control Act of 1997; and  
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28 WHEREAS, in recognition of her unyielding perseverance and passion that  
29 resulted in this successful legislation and ultimately to the creation of the  
30 BreastCare Program, an award was originated and named in her honor by the  
31 Arkansas Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board for presentation annually to  
32 selected recipients; and  
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34 WHEREAS, each year the Joesetta Wilkins Award is presented by the board  
35 to one volunteer individual, one professional individual, and one  
36 organization whose works raise the awareness of breast health and educate



1 Arkansas women about the importance of early detection and treatment of  
2 breast cancer; and

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4 WHEREAS, the members of the Arkansas Senate wish to join their  
5 colleague, Senator Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV who is also the proud son of Dr.  
6 Josetta Wilkins, in saluting Dr. Wilkins for her invaluable contributions to  
7 the fight against breast cancer in Arkansas; and

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9 WHEREAS, Dr. Wilkins was honored on April 10, 2001, as a recipient of  
10 The National Humanitarian Award. This award is given by the National  
11 Conference for Community and Justice recognizing people who, by their  
12 personal involvement and leadership, have promoted the ideals of a just and  
13 fair society; and

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15 WHEREAS, Dr. Wilkins was honored by the National Governor's Association  
16 in June 2002 with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Community Service,  
17 presented by the president of the National Governors Association and Governor  
18 Mike Huckabee; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Dr. Josetta E. Wilkins Chair was established on August 20,  
21 2003, at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Arkansas Cancer  
22 Research Center for her work in the area of breast cancer. She is the first  
23 African-American to receive this honor at University of Arkansas for Medical  
24 Sciences; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission annually  
27 presents the Josetta Wilkins Courage Award,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
31 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 That the Senate of the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of  
34 Arkansas recognizes and honors the distinguished career of Dr. Josetta  
35 Wilkins and her unrivaled dedication to saving the lives of so many  
36 Arkansans.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to Dr. Josetta Wilkins by the Secretary of the Senate.