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5 By: Senator Madison

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ROY REED FOR HIS
10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF ARKANSAS AND TO
11 JOURNALISM.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ROY REED FOR
16 HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF
17 ARKANSAS AND TO JOURNALISM.

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20 WHEREAS, Roy Reed was born on February 14, 1930, in Hot Springs
21 (Garland County) and grew up in Piney, an unincorporated Garland County
22 community near Hot Springs; and

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24 WHEREAS, after two years in the U.S. Air Force, Roy Reed went to work
25 as a reporter for the Arkansas Gazette in 1956 and although he did not take
26 part in the newspaper's coverage of the desegregation crisis at Central High
27 School, he did report on an unsuccessful attempt by black students to enroll
28 in North Little Rock's white high school; and

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30 WHEREAS, Roy Reed was hired by The New York Times in January 1965 and
31 served an important role in reporting on the civil rights movement in the
32 South; and

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34 WHEREAS, Roy Reed is the author of "Faubus: The Life and Times of an
35 American Prodigal", a biography of former Governor Orval Faubus; "Looking for
36 Hogeys", a collection of essays about the South; and "Looking Back at the



1 Arkansas Gazette: An Oral History". He also taught journalism for sixteen
 2 (16) years at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; and

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 4 WHEREAS, Roy Reed of Hogeye, Arkansas, has expertly displayed reporting
 5 skills by sifting through several hundred hours of oral interviews about the
 6 history of the Arkansas Gazette; and

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 8 WHEREAS, Roy Reed's most recent book published by the University of
 9 Arkansas Press titled "Looking Back at the Arkansas Gazette: An Oral History"
 10 is an outstanding book on the Arkansas Gazette and the history of the state;
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 13 WHEREAS, some 108 individuals were interviewed for the book, all from
 14 the cache of interviews in the archives of the David and Barbara Pryor Center
 15 for Arkansas Oral and Visual History at the University of Arkansas at
 16 Fayetteville; and

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 18 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Gazette was truly a part of Arkansas' history
 19 since 1819 until its demise on October 18, 1991, and Roy Reed's book makes
 20 "The Old Gray Lady," the Arkansas Gazette, live through voices, some stilled
 21 by death, others slowed by age, but many voices still standing strong for the
 22 Arkansas Gazette,

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

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 28 That the Senate of the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of
 29 Arkansas recognizes the distinguished career of Roy Reed and honors his
 30 contributions to the history of Arkansas and to journalism.

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 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an
 33 appropriate copy shall be provided to Roy Reed by the Secretary of the
 34 Senate.