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5 By: Representative Hopper

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7 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JAMES "ED" GILBERT AND IN
9 RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
10 ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Ed" Gilbert, of Mountain Home, Arkansas, died on
24 Monday, November 22, 2010, at the age of sixty-seven (67) years; and

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was born in Flippin, Arkansas, to C.R. "Coke"
27 Gilbert and Connis McCracken Gilbert; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was a lifetime area native of Mountain Home,
30 Arkansas, having attended the Oakland School and Mountain Home Public Schools
31 before moving to Kansas City, Missouri, where he graduated from Shawnee
32 Mission North High School; and

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34 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was a member of Twin Lakes Baptist Church and the
35 Mountain Home Masonic Lodge #225; and



1 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was elected Baxter County Assessor in 1970 and
2 served until 1974; and during his tenure, he served as vice president of the
3 Arkansas Assessors Association; and
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was appointed interim mayor of Mountain Home in
6 1997; and was elected in 1976 as a State Representative, a position he held
7 for eighteen (18) years; and
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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was a peacemaker and a leader in every sense of
10 the word, playing major roles in helping Mountain Home receive funding for
11 highway projects, higher education, and urban development; and
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13 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was hailed by Baxter County Judge Joe Bodenhamer
14 as "A champion who helped build Baxter County with a smile"; and
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16 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was instrumental in nursing home and DWI
17 legislation, as well as industrial development and tourism legislation among
18 many other matters; and
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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert is survived by his wife, Carolyn Gilbert, of the
21 home; a daughter, Jessica Evans, and husband Josh of Mountain Home; two
22 brothers, Roland Gilbert and Ron Gilbert, both of Mountain Home; two
23 grandchildren, Calvin and Corbin Evans; and nieces and nephews; and
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25 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to publicly recognize Mr.
26 Gilbert's many contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local
27 community,
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29 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
30 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes James "Ed" Gilbert's
33 commitment, hard work, dedication, and years of service to the State of
34 Arkansas and his local community, and commends him for his leadership.
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House hereby

1 express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Gilbert, and upon adoption
2 of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of
3 Mr. Gilbert by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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