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7 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JON FITCH AND IN
9 RECOGNITION OF HIS 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. Jon Fitch of Little Rock, Arkansas, died on Saturday,
24 February 26, 2011, at the age of sixty (60) years; and
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitch was the Director of the Arkansas Livestock and
27 Poultry Commission, having been appointed by Governor Beebe on January 22,
28 2007; and Governor Mike Beebe served with Mr. Fitch in the Senate and said
29 Mr. Fitch was a dear friend and a dependable ally; and
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31 WHEREAS, "I met Jon when I entered the Senate in 1983, and we remained
32 close colleagues for the next 28 years," Beebe said in a statement. "A dear
33 friend and a dependable ally, Jon jumped at the chance to lead the Livestock
34 and Poultry Commission, and his time there has bolstered both the efficiency
35 and morale of the office. We will miss his warm smile and his dedication to
36 Arkansas, and I will personally miss his friendship."; and



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WHEREAS, Mr. Fitch served in the House of Representatives from 1979 until 1985, and then he was elected to the Senate where he served until 2002, when he left the General Assembly to run a cattle ranch that was a sixth generation family farm and cattle operation in Madison County near Hindsville, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fitch served and chaired numerous committees while in the legislature, including eighteen (18) years as a member of the Agriculture and Economic Development Committee and handled numerous bills concerning livestock and poultry; in 1985, when Arkansas' cattle industry was on the verge of being placed on brucellosis quarantine, he passed the first Brucellosis Eradication Act; and Arkansas reached Brucellosis-free status in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly established the Livestock & Poultry Commission in 1963; and the first man to be appointed to lead that department was Rolla Fitch, Jon Fitch's father; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to publicly recognize Mr. Fitch's contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognizes Jon Fitch's commitment, hard work, dedication, and years of service to the State of Arkansas and his local community, and commends him for his leadership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Fitch, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of Mr. Fitch by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.