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5 By: Representative Dale

HR 1010

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING CARE CAP CONNECTIONS COMMUNITY CANCER
9 PROJECT FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR MARY L. PHILIPS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 CANCER PROJECT FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR MARY
15 L. PHILIPS.

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

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21 WHEREAS, in late 2005, Mary L. Philips, a woman who retired after
22 thirty (30) years as a public school teacher, left her Texas home to return
23 to family roots in Arkansas; her sister Linda had been diagnosed with
24 terminal cancer and lost her hair from chemotherapy; Mrs. Philips began to
25 sew head scarves for her sister, and her sister used the scarves and took
26 some to chemotherapy sessions to share with other women undergoing
27 chemotherapy; and by 2006, Mrs. Philips, assisted by Linda and church members
28 in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, created the Care Cap Connections project; and
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30 WHEREAS, Care Caps organized itself in Fairfield Bay, using community
31 volunteers meeting monthly for a "sew-in"; Chesapeake Energy provided start-
32 up funds, Janome Corporation of America gave sewing machines, Marshall Dry
33 Goods in Batesville, Arkansas, provided fabrics, and several individuals
34 contributed funds and customizing for a cargo trailer; and Mrs. Philips took
35 her project on the road with oversight provided by local officers and a board
36 of advisors; and



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2 WHEREAS, from the one team at Fairfield Bay and one cancer center at MD
3 Anderson Center, Mrs. Philips now has set up additional groups in Greenbrier,
4 Arkansas, UAMS-Little Rock, Little Rock Air Force Base, Diamondhead, Hendrix
5 College, Pine Bluff's Southeast Department of Community Correction, and
6 Converse, Louisiana; Mrs. Philips leads her sew-ins personally on a monthly
7 basis; over one thousand five hundred (1,500) women, men, and youth help with
8 cutting, pinning, sewing, ironing, and preparing shipments; and they meet in
9 public buildings and churches, all funded by donations from individuals,
10 churches, corporations, and foundations; and
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12 WHEREAS, about one thousand one hundred (1,100) care caps go to cancer
13 centers and individuals each month and all without charge; and as of January
14 2011, more than thirty one thousand five hundred (31,500) have reached
15 patients across America; and cancer centers receiving and distributing caps
16 are coast-to-coast; and
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18 WHEREAS, besides Mrs. Philips' direct leadership, three (3) teams have
19 spun off with one in Heber Springs, Arkansas ("Love Caps"), another in
20 Orlando, Florida ("Sunshine Caps"), and in San Antonio, Texas ("The Coker
21 Project"); Mrs. Philips would like to see more because her personal efforts
22 are time and distance limited; and to move the project along, she hopes for
23 funds to produce an instructional video that will inform the public, recruit
24 leaders and helpers, and show the step-by-step process in making caps for
25 distribution; and
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27 WHEREAS, Care Caps are made in a team setting, and each team has a
28 unique character and dynamic, but all continue to grow because volunteers
29 feel they have a worthy project; the cancer need is very great; the product
30 is high quality; sew-ins are fun to attend; and love links the maker through
31 the cancer facility to the receiver; and
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33 WHEREAS, Mrs. Philips resides at Fairfield Bay with her husband,
34 Constable Ingram Philips, Colonel (Retired), United States Army; was born in
35 Lymington, England, and is a graduate of Texas Tech and Texas A&M; received a
36 Master's degree and has additional post-graduate education; is the mother of

1 C. Eric Nielson of San Francisco and grandmother of Catherine Lord of
2 Alexandria, Virginia; besides enjoying sewing, is an avid reader and is
3 interested in global history and current affairs; enjoys domestic and
4 international travel and lived in Germany for nine (9) years; and is in her
5 sixth year at home in Arkansas,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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11 THAT the House of Representatives commends Mary L. Philips on her work
12 on behalf of cancer patients and the success of the organization she founded
13 and directs, Care Cap Connections community cancer project.

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
16 copy shall be provided to Mrs. Philips by the Chief Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives.

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