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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING LEGACY PARIS FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO
9 HELPING STUDENTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF BULLYING AND FOR
10 BRINGING AWARENESS TO THE PROBLEM OF BULLYING TO THE
11 CITIZENS OF PINE BLUFF AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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23 WHEREAS, school bullying is a serious problem that can affect students
24 in many ways, from loss of sleep, to feeling sick, to thoughts of suicide;
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27 WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) children in
28 the United States miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation
29 by other students; and

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31 WHEREAS, it is important for employees, parents, students, teachers,
32 administrators, and citizens of the State of Arkansas to be aware of
33 bullying, and to encourage prevention; and

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35 WHEREAS, Legacy Paris is a young woman who has not only overcome
36 bullying, but has turned years of being bullied into an opportunity to help



1 others; and

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3 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2012, as a 13-year-old eighth grader in Pine
4 Bluff, Legacy Paris presented information to the Pine Bluff City Council
5 regarding "International Stand Up to Bullying Day"; and

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7 WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Ms. Paris, March 30, 2012, was declared
8 International Stand Up to Bullying Day in Pine Bluff; and

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10 WHEREAS, Ms. Paris has willingly given of her time to help children who
11 are the victims of bullying in school by sharing the things she has learned
12 and her message of hope to young people experiencing bullying at elementary
13 schools and the Merrill Community Center in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and

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15 WHEREAS, Ms. Paris teaches students to learn to address bullying
16 situations without causing a scene and to remain calm and assertive, and she
17 encourages educators and parents to listen not just to a student being
18 bullied, but also to a student who is bullying others; and

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20 WHEREAS, the effects of bullying have been brought to the forefront in
21 Arkansas by newspaper articles and television segments concerning the efforts
22 of Ms. Paris,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the Senate proudly commends and congratulates Legacy Paris for her
29 contributions to helping students who are victims of bullying and for
30 bringing awareness to the problem of bullying to the citizens of Pine Bluff
31 and the State of Arkansas.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be
34 presented to Legacy Paris.