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2 90th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2015

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4
5 By: Representatives Jean, Fielding, Shepherd
6 By: Senator Maloch

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**
9 **RESOLUTION**

10 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF THOMAS ARCHIE MONROE AND IN
11 RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF THOMAS ARCHIE
16 MONROE AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS
17 CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY.

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20 WHEREAS, Thomas Archie Monroe was born on November 23, 1909, and he
21 passed away on February 3, 2015, at the age of 105, in Magnolia, Arkansas;
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24 WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe graduated from Magnolia High School, and in 1929,
25 he earned an associate of arts degree from Southern Arkansas University in
26 Magnolia, then known as A&M College; he was one of the first recipients of
27 the Golden Rider Distinguished Alumni Award and the oldest living graduate of
28 the university at the time of his death; and

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30 WHEREAS, in 1931, Mr. Monroe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in
31 Business Administration from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and
32 then he moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, to begin a career in banking; and

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34 WHEREAS, in 1939, Mr. Monroe returned to Magnolia to own and manage the
35 Magnolia Insurance Agency, which was founded by his father in the early
36 twentieth century; and



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2 WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe served in the United States Army Air Corps during
3 World War II and returned to Magnolia after the war to continue managing the
4 Magnolia Insurance Agency; and

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6 WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe went on to serve as trust officer, and later
7 president, of the First National Bank of Magnolia, now known as BancCorp
8 South, and became one of five founders of the First Federal Savings and Loan
9 Association of Magnolia; and

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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe was one of the first members of the Magnolia Rotary
12 Club in 1939 and later served as its president; he was president of the
13 Magnolia Chamber of Commerce in 1941 and in 1954; he was a member of the
14 Columbia County Library Board and influential in establishing an excellent
15 library system for Columbia County, Arkansas; he was a commissioner of the
16 Magnolia Municipal Water System; he served for many years as a Trustee of the
17 Magale Foundation based in Shreveport, Louisiana; and he was selected as
18 Magnolia Citizen of the Year in 1992; and

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe spent most of his 105 years in Magnolia and has
21 been described by his community as Magnolia's unofficial historian because of
22 his wealth of knowledge about the area; and

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24 WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe is predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Elena
25 Schley Monroe, his parents, Alice Couch Monroe and Thomas Ark Monroe, and his
26 brother, Dr. Sanford Couch Monroe and his wife, Anne; and

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28 WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe is survived by his son, Thomas Ark Monroe, III,
29 married to Nancy, of Little Rock, his daughter, Sarah Schley Jones, married
30 to Chuck, of Batesville, Arkansas, his grandchildren, John Rowland Monroe,
31 married to Leslie, of Little Rock, Christopher Couch Monroe, married to
32 Stephanie, of Little Rock, Sarah Monroe Priebe, married to Jeff, of Little
33 Rock, Thomas Alexander Jones of Batesville, Charles Martin Jones of
34 Batesville, and great-grandchildren, Thomas Cooper Monroe of Little Rock,
35 William Beane Monroe of Little Rock, Jenkins Howell Monroe of Little Rock,
36 Jeffrey Thomas Priebe of Little Rock, and Phillip Martin Priebe of Little

1 Rock,

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL

5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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7 THAT the House of Representatives honors the memory of Thomas Archie
8 Monroe and recognizes his contributions to his community.

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of
11 Representatives, the Senate concurring therein, hereby express sincere
12 condolences to the family of Mr. Monroe, and upon adoption of this
13 resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to the family of Mr. Monroe by
14 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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