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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE COLLEEN NICK AND THE MORGAN NICK
9 FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE PREVENTION OF
10 MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN AND IN APPRECIATION OF
11 THEIR ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF MISSING CHILDREN.

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23 WHEREAS, on June 9, 1995, 6-year-old Morgan Chauntel Nick was kidnapped
24 from a little league baseball game in Alma, Arkansas, and a massive
25 investigation ensued and continues, as Morgan Nick remains missing; and

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27 WHEREAS, Morgan's mother, Colleen Nick, formed the Morgan Nick
28 Foundation in 1996 and serves as a full time Executive Director; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Morgan Nick Foundation believes that to reduce the number
31 of child abductions, we must educate our children and empower them with the
32 skills necessary to protect them from the possible dangers of abduction, and
33 the foundation is proactive with prevention education programs for children,
34 communities, and schools; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Morgan Nick Foundation strives to be an organization



1 recognized by the general public and law enforcement as a leading resource in
2 the prevention of missing and exploited children; and

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4 WHEREAS, through Ms. Nick's outstanding leadership, the foundation
5 assists thousands of families in crisis and successfully provides
6 intervention, support, and reunification to children and their families; and

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8 WHEREAS, Ms. Nick was instrumental in the adoption of AMBER Alert in
9 Arkansas, known as the Morgan Nick AMBER Alert, making Arkansas the third
10 state in the nation to have a statewide alert system in place; and

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12 WHEREAS, Ms. Nick is a nationally recognized spokesperson and advocate
13 for missing children and she has spoken at Quantico (the Federal Bureau of
14 Investigation National Training Base), the National Homicide Investigators
15 Symposium, and at National Missing Children's Day with former Attorney
16 General Janet Reno; and

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18 WHEREAS, Ms. Nick was invited to meet with President Bush and the First
19 Lady at the White House Conference on Missing and Exploited Children in 2002
20 to explore new resources in the ongoing fight for missing children; and

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22 WHEREAS, Ms. Nick serves as an independent consultant with Fox Valley
23 Technical College, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children,
24 and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and she
25 travels the nation training law enforcement about the issue of missing and
26 exploited children; and

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28 WHEREAS, Ms. Nick is a co-creator of Team HOPE, a support program for
29 families of the missing, at the National Center for Missing & Exploited
30 Children and now serves as a Senior Team Coordinator, supervising numerous
31 volunteers, and providing immediate and ongoing support to families in a 12
32 state area; and

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34 WHEREAS, Ms. Nick serves on the Board of Directors for the National
35 Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Arkansas Crime Victims
36 Reparations Board, and is the past Vice President of the Association of

1 Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations; and

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3 WHEREAS, Ms. Nick's passion and unwavering hope motivates her daily to
4 fight for America's missing children and she continues to work with countless
5 dedicated people to make a difference, one child at a time,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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11 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly
12 recognizes Colleen Nick and the Morgan Nick Foundation for their tireless
13 efforts in the prevention of missing and exploited children and appreciates
14 their assistance to the families of missing children.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this
17 resolution be presented to Colleen Nick by the Chief Clerk of the House of
18 Representatives.

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