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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER
9 DAY ON JULY 30 AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF
10 AMERICA'S FIRST LAW PROTECTING WHISTLEBLOWERS.

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17 FIRST LAW PROTECTING WHISTLEBLOWERS.

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20 WHEREAS, on July 30, 1778, the Founding Fathers unanimously passed
21 America's first law to protect whistleblowers from retribution; and

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23 WHEREAS, whistleblowing is generally defined as the lawful disclosure
24 of information reasonably believed to evidence a violation of law, rule, or
25 regulation, or gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of
26 authority, or a danger to public health or safety; and

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28 WHEREAS, whistleblowers risk their careers and reputations by reporting
29 waste, fraud, and abuse to the proper authorities in order to promote
30 accountability, integrity, honesty, fairness, and transparency; and

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32 WHEREAS, our current leaders should follow the tradition of defending
33 whistleblowers and ensure that our nation's laws offer protection to
34 whistleblowers; and

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36 WHEREAS, the commemoration of July 30 as National Whistleblower Day



1 recognizes the first law protecting whistleblowers and it recognizes the
2 importance of whistleblowers to our nation's transparency and accountability,
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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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8 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly
9 recognizes the observance of National Whistleblower Day on July 30 and
10 recognizes the importance of America's first law protecting whistleblowers.
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an
13 appropriate copy be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives to Stephen M. Kohn, Executive Director of the National
15 Whistleblower Center.
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