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HR 1038

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5 By: Representatives Lowery, Tucker

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE EFFORTS OF LAURA RHEA  
9 WITH ARKANSAS RICE DEPOT.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE EFFORTS OF  
14 LAURA RHEA WITH ARKANSAS RICE DEPOT.

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17 WHEREAS, Laura Rhea of Mayflower, Arkansas, was the President and CEO  
18 of Arkansas Rice Depot of Little Rock, Arkansas, for almost 30 years until  
19 her recent medical retirement; and

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21 WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea literally gave everything she had to help feed the  
22 hungry in our state, suffering a heat stroke in the depot warehouse in 2003  
23 that left her permanently in a wheelchair and that contributed to her medical  
24 retirement; and

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26 WHEREAS, the passion to help those who are hungry was not abstract for  
27 Ms. Rhea, as she struggled when her daughter Allison was small to provide  
28 enough food and watched as her daughter cried when Ms. Rhea went without food  
29 so that Allison could eat; and

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31 WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea is clear that she wouldn't change her experiences for  
32 anything, saying that the experiences "made me who I am", and is someone who  
33 knows that the choice to turn tragedy into good is what has made her life  
34 what it is today; and

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36 WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea oversaw the growth of Arkansas Rice Depot into a



1 leading hunger-fighting nonprofit organization, the expansion of her Food for  
2 Kids Program throughout Arkansas and more than 40 other states, and the  
3 creation of a legacy of empowerment for the hungry in Arkansas; and  
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5 WHEREAS, during her leadership, Arkansas Rice Depot was nominated and  
6 won Arkansas Business Nonprofit Organization of the Year Award in 2010,  
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8 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-  
9 FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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11 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and commends Ms. Laura  
12 Rhea for her dedication, her courage, and her perseverance in her work with  
13 Arkansas Rice Depot to help the hungry in our state.  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
16 copy shall be provided to Ms. Rhea by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
17 Representatives.  
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