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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**  
8 HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF  
9 CHRISTOPHER A. MASINGILL.

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**Subtitle**  
HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE  
OF CHRISTOPHER A. MASINGILL.

16 WHEREAS, Christopher A. Masingill was appointed by President Obama and  
17 confirmed by the United States Senate in 2010 to serve as the Federal Co-  
18 Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority; and in his six (6) years with the  
19 Delta Regional Authority, Chairman Masingill has made it his hallmark to  
20 develop strategic connections between the public and private sectors to  
21 achieve economic and community development results on the local, state, and  
22 national levels; and

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24 WHEREAS, before leading the Delta Regional Authority, Chairman  
25 Masingill served the state as Governor Mike Beebe's Director of  
26 Intergovernmental Affairs, and during that time was the Arkansas Recovery  
27 Implementation Director for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of  
28 2009, coordinating the implementation of \$3 billion (\$3,000,000,000) of  
29 investment into forty-eight (48) programs across thirteen (13) state  
30 agencies; and

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32 WHEREAS, Chairman Masingill believes in the natural, economic, and  
33 human assets of Delta communities and the opportunities those assets create  
34 for the region; he has placed a strong emphasis on supporting small  
35 businesses and entrepreneurs as well as investing in workforce development  
36 and training efforts, recognizing these efforts as the greatest opportunities



1 for the Delta region's economy; he has worked with the governors of the eight  
2 (8) Delta states to leverage \$44 million (\$44,000,000) in authority  
3 investments into nearly \$1 billion (\$1,000,000,000) in private and other  
4 public sector investment in Delta communities; and authority investments are  
5 helping to create and retain forty-two thousand (42,000) jobs and train  
6 thirteen thousand (13,000) workers; and

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8 WHEREAS, to further the investments under Chairman Masingill's  
9 leadership, the authority launched the Small Business & Entrepreneurship  
10 Initiative to focus investments into organizations and programs that support  
11 the cultivation of innovation and job creation that come from our small  
12 businesses and entrepreneurs; and in 2014, the authority launched the  
13 Reimagining the Delta Workforce initiative which organized eight (8) state  
14 summits and invested \$1.7 million (\$1,700,000) into communities to address  
15 the challenges of preparing a skilled workforce in Delta communities and to  
16 connect local leadership in government, education, and business for  
17 realistic, productive solutions; and

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19 WHEREAS, for his leadership in advancing economic development  
20 initiatives in the Delta region, Chairman Masingill was recently awarded the  
21 Federal Leadership in Economic Development Programs Award by the  
22 International Economic Development Council,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the Senate honors the distinguished public service of Christopher  
29 A. Masingill to the state, the Delta region, and the nation, and wishes him  
30 the very best in all of his future endeavors.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution  
33 shall be presented to Chairman Masingill by the Secretary of the Senate.