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5 By: Representatives Perry, Burch, Evans, C. Fite, Richardson, D. Whitaker
6 By: Senators J. English, D. Wallace

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF
10 ARKANSAS AND CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF
11 THE DEPARTMENT.

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16 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS AND CELEBRATE THE
17 ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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20 WHEREAS, the American Legion was created on March 15, 1919, as members
21 of the American Expeditionary Force who fought to victory in World War I
22 gathered in Paris, France, for what became known as the American Legion's
23 Paris Caucus; and

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25 WHEREAS, on May 12, 1919, the American Legion Department of Arkansas
26 became the first incorporated American Legion Department in the United
27 States, and was again chartered by Act 280 of 1929; and

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29 WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by the United States
30 Congress on September 16, 1919, as a wartime veterans organization based on
31 the 4 pillars of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security,
32 Americanism, and Children and Youth; and

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34 WHEREAS, over the years, the American Legion has become a preeminent
35 community-based service organization with more than 2,300,000 male and female
36 members in over 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide, working with a



1 variety of programs that support the 4 pillars and benefit our nation's
2 veterans, service members and their families, youth, and citizens; and

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4 WHEREAS, the members of the American Legion are dedicated to upholding
5 the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in
6 the lives of fellow Americans and Arkansans alike; and

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8 WHEREAS, the observance of the American Legion's one hundredth birthday
9 provides an opportunity to recognize Legionnaires across the state for their
10 many contributions; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Legionnaires have made many sacrifices in defending our
13 freedoms, and it is important to acknowledge their courage and show them the
14 support they have earned by promoting their rich history and legacy,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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20 THAT the House of Representatives declare March 15, 2019, as the
21 American Legion's birthday and urge all citizens to observe with pride and
22 due ceremony all Legionnaires in the State of Arkansas as we value and
23 reflect on the many sacrifices both they and their families have made.

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
26 provided to Major Keith Dover of the Arkansas American Legion Department by
27 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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