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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG; AND TO RECOMMEND A CHANGE  
9 TO THE SYMBOLIC DESIGNATION OF THE STARS ON THE STATE  
10 FLAG.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG; AND TO  
15 RECOMMEND A CHANGE TO THE SYMBOLIC  
16 DESIGNATION OF THE STARS ON THE STATE  
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20 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the House of Representatives to address  
21 the symbolic meaning of the stars above and below the word "ARKANSAS" on the  
22 state flag of Arkansas; and

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24 WHEREAS, it is recommended that the three (3) stars below the word  
25 "ARKANSAS" on the state flag represent the words "nature", "heritage", and  
26 "innovation" and the star above the word "ARKANSAS" represent the word  
27 "opportunity"; and

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29 WHEREAS, the word "nature" symbolizes that Arkansas is known as “The  
30 Natural State” and is home to countless natural wonders. From the  
31 breathtaking Ozark Mountains to the invigorating natural hot springs in Hot  
32 Springs National Park, and to the Buffalo National River, the first national  
33 river in the United States, outdoor opportunity abounds in Arkansas. With  
34 rivers and lakes for every level of boating enthusiast, as well as bike paths  
35 and running trails for family outings or competitive athletes, Arkansas’s  
36 natural environment has much to offer. Bountiful farmland in the Arkansas



1 Delta produces a quality food supply that sustains Arkansas's neighbors and  
2 the rest of the world. Arkansans take pride in the stewardship of the  
3 state's natural resources, which will preserve this tradition for generations  
4 to come. Fishing is productive in our numerous lakes and rivers, and hunting  
5 thrives in Arkansas when flooded rice fields become home for flocks of  
6 migratory waterfowl in the winter. From flatlands to mountain ranges,  
7 Arkansas's geographic diversity lends itself to quality of life activities  
8 specific to the place Arkansans call home; and

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10 WHEREAS, the word "heritage" symbolizes that Arkansas is rich in  
11 history and steeped in culture, and Arkansans are proud of what makes them  
12 who they are. Traditions are reflected all across the state, from the homes  
13 of a President of the United States to the sites where historical advances  
14 were made for civil rights. The Louisiana Purchase State Park shows where  
15 Arkansas began as a part of the United States, and the world-renowned art  
16 museums show where Arkansas is going. A philanthropic spirit is apparent  
17 from community engagement in larger cities to generous involvement in rural  
18 towns that are the heartbeat of Arkansas. Arkansans proudly share a giving  
19 and serving spirit displayed in service to the United States; and

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21 WHEREAS, the word "innovation" symbolizes that Arkansas leads the way  
22 in innovation. For generations a leader in retail, trucking, banking, and  
23 agriculture, Arkansas is leading the country to the future in coding and  
24 technology. Coupled with the state's groundbreaking initiative to emphasize  
25 computer science for every public school student in the state, Arkansas  
26 businesses are paving the way for future success in the state; and

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28 WHEREAS, the word "opportunity" symbolizes that Arkansas is truly the  
29 "Land of Opportunity". Arkansans build upon the rich traditions of the  
30 state's heritage in order to create a strong future. Arkansans value the  
31 natural beauty of the state and the opportunities it provides for family  
32 togetherness and personal growth. Arkansans move forward with innovation to  
33 create a powerful future for all Arkansans. Through Arkansas's heritage,  
34 nature, and innovation, the state provides opportunity for all who call it  
35 home,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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    THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Second General Assembly recommends changing the symbolic meaning of the three (3) stars below the word "ARKANSAS" on the state flag to represent the words "nature", "heritage", and "innovation" and the star above the word "ARKANSAS" to represent the word "opportunity".