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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS OF
9 HOMESCHOOLING IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 (35) YEARS OF HOMESCHOOLING IN THE STATE
15 OF ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, homeschooling became officially recognized in Arkansas with
19 the passage of Act 40 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1985; and

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21 WHEREAS, the effects of the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic have
22 made significant impacts on how children are educated, with many additional
23 families choosing to homeschool; and

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25 WHEREAS, the National Home Education Research Institute estimates that
26 nationally the number of homeschooled students has increased by at least ten
27 percent (10%) during the 2020-2021 school year; and

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29 WHEREAS, in Arkansas, the number of homeschooled students has increased
30 seventeen percent (17%) since the 2019-2020 school year, with approximately
31 twenty-six thousand (26,000) homeschooled students in the state during the
32 2020-2021 school year; and

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34 WHEREAS, students can attend public school, private school, or home
35 school, and families are empowered to direct the education of their children
36 by choosing the best educational environment available; and



1 WHEREAS, every child has unique abilities and challenges that impact
2 how he or she learns, and every child has unique interests, passions, and
3 goals for his or her future as an adult; and
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5 WHEREAS, there are multiple methods available to teach children, and
6 homeschooling as a system has profound flexibility in how education is
7 delivered, as the system can be customized and individualized to the student;
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10 WHEREAS, the freedom of educational choice leads to better outcomes for
11 all students; and
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13 WHEREAS, better outcomes for students lead to a more responsible
14 citizenry, a successful workforce, and a strong economy for the state,
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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 THAT the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate thirty-five
21 (35) years of homeschooling in Arkansas.
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