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7 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 TO REMEMBER DOUG HARLAN AND TO RECOGNIZE HIS
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, Mr. Brian Douglas "Doug" Harlan was born in Little Rock,
19 Arkansas, on July 10, 1956, to Fred Willard and Zonia Mildred Harlan, and
20 died on December 10, 2020; and

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22 WHEREAS, after graduating from Sheridan High School in 1975, Doug spent
23 his career in service to the citizens of the state, retiring as a Battalion
24 Chief after thirty-one (31) years with the Little Rock Fire Department,
25 rising through the ranks of the department, first as Firefighter from 1983 to
26 1990, then as Fire Apparatus Engineer from 1990 to 1994, then as Fire Captain
27 from 1994 to 2000, and retiring after nearly fourteen (14) years as Battalion
28 Chief in 2014; and

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30 WHEREAS, Chief Harlan's exceptional service was documented throughout
31 his career by administrators of the department, his selection to attend
32 leadership trainings, and his recommendation for multiple promotions; and

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34 WHEREAS, after barely one (1) year on the job, Chief Harlan was
35 recognized for his heroic efforts in saving a four-year-old girl from a
36 burning second-story apartment; and



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WHEREAS, Chief Harlan’s service included serving as acting Battalion Chief at what was then known as the Little Rock National Airport during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Chief Harlan is remembered by colleagues, friends, and family as a larger-than-life personality, living up to his nickname of “Too Tall” as a towering but kind man who exuded his love of life and care for others, his humor, and his devotion to his wife, children, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chief Harlan was a dedicated sportsman and steward of the Arkansas outdoors, his consummate sportsmanship extending to hunting for deer, duck, and turkey across the state, his appreciation for the natural environment by fishing for bass and crappie across Arkansas, and his love for golfing with family and friends who joined him; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Doug was a loving grandfather who had only begun to enjoy spending time on Lake Ouachita with his three (3) grandchildren, Bentley, Peyton, and Violet, fishing and swimming in the beautiful waters in the Ouachita Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Doug leaves behind his wife of forty-one (41) years Renee’ Simpson Harlan, children Jacob and Kara Harlan, brother Gary Quinlan, and numerous loved ones, family, friends, and coworkers who laughed with and benefited from the joy of knowing Chief Harlan,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate remember Doug Harlan for his service and dedication to the City of Little Rock and the State of Arkansas and extend sincere condolences to the family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to the family by the Secretary of the Senate.