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7 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 TO REMEMBER DETECTIVE KEVIN COLLINS AND TO RECOGNIZE
9 HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 TO RECOGNIZE HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE.

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16 WHEREAS, on October 5, 2020, Detective Kevin Collins of the violent
17 crime division of the Pine Bluff Police Department was killed in the line of
18 duty, the first department officer to be killed in duty since 1985; and

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20 WHEREAS, Detective Collins was working with two (2) other officers on
21 an ongoing local criminal investigation that was related to the shooting, and
22 one (1) of the other officers was injured but survived; and

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24 WHEREAS, Detective Collins was hired by the department in 2015 and was
25 "an excellent officer", according to Police Chief Kelvin Sergeant; and

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27 WHEREAS, a career in law enforcement had long been Detective Collins'
28 dream, beginning in his childhood and influenced by his closeness to the
29 public service since his stepfather Charles Hobbs was a captain with the
30 Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; and

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32 WHEREAS, he had an unwavering dedication to his goal, starting out at
33 the Department of Correction and the Metropolitan Emergency Communication
34 Association before realizing his dream of becoming an officer; and

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36 WHEREAS, the unwavering dedication to his goal led to an unwavering



1 commitment to his job, and within two (2) years of hire, Detective Collins
2 was named 2017 Officer of the Year by the department for rescuing a ninety-
3 five-year-old woman from a burning building; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2019, Detective Collins participated as a member of the
6 panel for the Domestic Abuse and Violence Awareness Conference held on the
7 campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; and in 2020, he was
8 honored and remembered at the conference; and
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10 WHEREAS, Detective Collins grew up in Pine Bluff and graduated from
11 Pine Bluff High School, and in addition to his employment with the
12 department, he also served as a security officer at the church he attended,
13 the Pine Bluff campus of New Life Church, where he did everything from
14 protect the church to rock babies and talk to teens, and of Detective
15 Collins, the pastor said, "[Kevin was] the kind of man you want your son to
16 be like. Tall, handsome, generous, kind, but tough as nails."; and
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18 WHEREAS, Detective Collins was known to all for being deeply committed
19 to the community, down to earth, strong but compassionate, a steady and
20 constant support, and perhaps most of all, a police officer who exemplified
21 the role of "to protect and serve"; and
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23 WHEREAS, Mayor Shirley Washington said, "He was one of the finest
24 officers you could ever hope to have. He was committed . . . [law
25 enforcement] wasn't just a job to him. It was his mission.",
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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
29 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 THAT the Senate honor the memory of Detective Kevin Collins, extend
32 sincere condolences to his family, and recognize his contributions to the
33 State of Arkansas and his local community.
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
36 provided to the family of Detective Collins by the Secretary of the Senate.