

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
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HR 1041

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE COUNTY JUDGES JOSEPH WOOD'S AND HENRY  
9 "HANK" WILKINS IV'S PLACE IN ARKANSAS HISTORY AS  
10 ARKANSAS'S FIRST ELECTED BLACK COUNTY JUDGES.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 AND HENRY "HANK" WILKINS IV'S PLACE IN  
16 ARKANSAS HISTORY AS ARKANSAS'S FIRST  
17 ELECTED BLACK COUNTY JUDGES.

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19 WHEREAS, in 2016 Washington County Judge Joseph Wood and Jefferson  
20 County Judge Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV became the first elected Black county  
21 judges in Arkansas's history; and

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23 WHEREAS, prior to being elected, Joseph Wood successful served in many  
24 roles in both the public and private sectors, most recently serving as the  
25 Deputy Secretary of State for the Business and Commercial Services Division  
26 and the Communication and Education Division; and

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28 WHEREAS, prior to being elected, Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV served many  
29 years in the General Assembly; and

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31 WHEREAS, Washington County Judge Joseph Wood's and Jefferson County  
32 Judge Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV's many accomplishments led to their respective  
33 constituencies electing them as the first Black county judges in Arkansas's  
34 history; and

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36 WHEREAS, Washington County Judge Joseph Wood and Jefferson County Judge



1 Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV should be recognized for their place in Arkansas  
2 history as the first elected Black county judges in Arkansas history,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the House of Representatives recognize Washington County Judge  
9 Joseph Wood's and Jefferson County Judge Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV's place in  
10 Arkansas History as Arkansas's first Black county judges.