

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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HR 1002

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 CONGRATULATING OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST AND ARKANSAS  
9 TRACK AND FIELD STAR JEFF HENDERSON.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 CONGRATULATING OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST AND  
14 ARKANSAS TRACK AND FIELD STAR JEFF  
15 HENDERSON.

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 WHEREAS, Jeff Henderson of McAlmont, Arkansas, returned from the 2016  
22 Rio De Janeiro Olympic Games after winning the gold medal in the men's long  
23 jump competition with his best jump, a leap of 8.38 meters, the first  
24 American to win a gold medal in the event since 2004; and

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26 WHEREAS, Jeff is an American track and field athlete who began his  
27 career at Sylvan Hills School in Sherwood, Arkansas, before moving on to the  
28 national stage at Hinds Community College, Florida Memorial University, and  
29 Stillman College; and

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31 WHEREAS, in high school Jeff was a decorated athlete and still holds  
32 the state high school decathlon record in the 100 meter dash with his 10.84  
33 second run, a record held since 2007; and

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35 WHEREAS, while in college and competing for the Hinds Community College  
36 Eagles, the Florida Memorial Fighting Lions, and the Stillman Tigers track



1 teams, Jeff again became a decorated track and field star with his 2008 and  
2 2009 national champion designations; and

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4 WHEREAS, after college, Jeff began competing on the world stage in  
5 indoor and outdoor track and field championships, winning the silver medal in  
6 the long jump at the 2013 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships; setting  
7 a stadium long jump and personal record at the 2014 USA Outdoor Track and  
8 Field Championships and taking first place in the event; winning the Glasgow  
9 Grand Prix in 2014; becoming a three-time 2014 International Association of  
10 Athletics Federations Diamond League winner in the men's long jump; jumping  
11 to earn a silver medal at the 2015 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships;  
12 and winning the long jump at the 2015 Pan American Games; and

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14 WHEREAS, Jeff has brought home his gold medal in the long jump from the  
15 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics to the United States and to Arkansas, where he  
16 plans to spend time with his ailing mother, to whom he dedicated his victory;  
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19 WHEREAS, Jeff plans to continue his athletic pursuits by joining the  
20 National Football League's Kansas City Chiefs for training camp later this  
21 month in preparation for his foray into football,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 THAT the members of the House of Representatives congratulate Jeff  
28 Henderson for his success in track and field and for his gold medal at the  
29 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games and wish him the best during the next stage  
30 in his athletic career.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
33 copy be provided to Jeff Henderson by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
34 Representatives.