

## INTERIM RESOLUTION 2025-002

REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HONOR THE MEMORY OF  
SENATOR GARY STUBBLEFIELD FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS  
COMMUNITY AND HIS HOME STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Senator Gary Don Stubblefield, who resided near Branch,  
Arkansas, passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2025, in Little Rock at seventy-  
four (74) years of age; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield was born on February 28, 1951, in  
Charleston, Arkansas, to the late H.T. "Tottie" Stubblefield and Beulah Mae  
(Mantooth) Stubblefield; and

WHEREAS, the journey of life for Senator Stubblefield began on Mill  
Creek Mountain in Franklin County, Arkansas, where he had a humble beginning  
that set the stage for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield graduated from the small country County  
Line School District, but before that he attended a one-room school house in  
Cecil, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield's family moved from Mill Creek Mountain  
to the valley farm in Branch that his parents bought, which included one  
hundred twenty (120) acres of wooded land that they cleared by hand; and

WHEREAS, when Senator Stubblefield was eleven (11) years old, he milked  
cows on the family farm before and after school each day, and as the cows  
increased in number, so did the work load; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield played basketball in junior high and  
senior high, so he would milk the cows, then ride his bicycle two (2) miles  
one (1) way from the farm to Highway 22 by the sale barn to catch the bus and  
ditch his bike at the bus stop, and this is how he got to his games, rain or  
shine, each day; and

1           WHEREAS, after graduating from County Line High School, Senator  
2 Stubblefield attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he  
3 was determined to make the Arkansas Razorback football squad even though he  
4 had never played football because he came from a school that did not have a  
5 football program; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield made the University of Arkansas at  
8 Fayetteville football team and went on to play in the Liberty Bowl and the  
9 Cotton Bowl in his positions on special teams and as cornerback; and  
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11           WHEREAS, after a football injury, Senator Stubblefield continued to  
12 attend college, majoring in animal science, and in 1969, he pledged Alpha  
13 Gamma Rho and FarmHouse Fraternity; and  
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15           WHEREAS, during his time at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville,  
16 Senator Stubblefield met the love of his life, Kathi Colley, and they married  
17 in 1974; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield then took over his parents' dairy farm,  
20 milking eighty (80) cows, and raising his children, Amber and Joshua, on the  
21 farm became his life; and  
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23           WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield served on the County Line School Board,  
24 as Justice of the Peace, and on the Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board,  
25 appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield was a member of the SFA Farmers  
28 Cooperative Board, the National Association of Christian Lawmakers, and the  
29 Convention of States; and  
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31           WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield spent one (1) term in the House of  
32 Representatives for District 67 before being elected to the Senate in 2013,  
33 where he served for the rest of his life; and  
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35           WHEREAS, of all the things in his life that he treasured, Senator  
36 Stubblefield's love for the Lord was greatest, and he served Him diligently

1 throughout his life, becoming a member of the First Baptist Church in Branch  
2 in 1976 and serving as a Sunday school youth boys' teacher for thirty-four  
3 (34) years and also as Sunday school superintendent and deacon; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the youth that Senator Stubblefield taught often bring up the  
6 memory of how much they loved the warm homemade cookies and sweet drinks he  
7 brought every Sunday morning, when he was awake by 2:30 a.m. milking cows and  
8 would make it back into the house by 8:30 a.m. with just enough time to bake  
9 cookies for "his boys"; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield cared for all people from all walks of  
12 life, but his family was his treasure; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Senator Stubblefield is survived by his wife of fifty-one (51)  
15 years, Kathi (Colley) Stubblefield, his children, Amber Sullivan and husband  
16 Jordan and Joshua Stubblefield and wife Brittany, all of Branch, a sister,  
17 Marilyn Sutherland of Hot Springs, a brother, Jimmy Stubblefield and wife  
18 Melinda of Cecil, ten (10) grandchildren, Marshall Speer and wife Kaitlynn,  
19 Mylee Scott and husband Daymon, Deacon Stubblefield, Denton Stubblefield,  
20 Delsey Stubblefield, Delta Stubblefield, Declan Stubblefield, Jhett Sullivan,  
21 Delise Stubblefield, and Dexton Stubblefield, and four (4) great-  
22 grandchildren, Sage Scott, Revel Scott, J.R. Speer, and Lincoln Speer, and he  
23 was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ronnie Stubblefield; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the body of Senator Stubblefield lay in state on Thursday,  
26 September 11, 2025, at the Arkansas State Capitol rotunda in Little Rock to  
27 honor his extraordinary life and legacy,  
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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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33 THAT the Legislative Council honor the memory of Senator Gary  
34 Stubblefield for his many contributions to his community and his home state  
35 of Arkansas.  
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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon the adoption of this resolution, a  
 2 copy be provided by the Executive Secretary of the Legislative Council to the  
 3 family of Senator Gary Stubblefield.

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 7 Respectfully submitted,

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