

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JOE PURCELL AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, TO HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Purcell of Benton, Arkansas, died on Thursday, March 5, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell was a 1952 graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville School of Law and was admitted to the Bar the same year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell served as Benton City Attorney from 1955 to 1959 and municipal judge of Benton from 1959 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell served with distinction as State Attorney General from 1967 to 1971 when he was elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell served three terms as Lieutenant Governor, under Governor Bumpers, Governor Pryor and Governor Clinton, and served briefly as Governor of the State when Governor Pryor was elected to the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell was active in the State Democratic Party for many years and during that time made many significant contributions to the betterment of the Party; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell was active in church, civic and community affairs as well as politics and was highly respected by all those who had the pleasure of knowing and associating with him; and

WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Joe Purcell is a serious loss to the State of Arkansas, the State Democratic Party and to his local community,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That this Resolution is adopted in respectful memory of Mr. Joe Purcell and in recognition of his many years of public service and his invaluable contributions to the State of Arkansas, the State Democratic Party and to his

local community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly and the individual members of the General Assembly, hereby express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Helen Purcell, the widow of Mr. Joe Purcell and to other members of his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, a copy hereof shall be transmitted to Mrs. Helen Purcell and to Mrs. Lynelle Purcell, the mother of Mr. Joe Purcell.