

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH,
WELFARE AND LABOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS TO THE HANDICAPPED IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, it is reported that approximately thirteen percent (13%) of Arkansas' adult population are disabled, and approximately fourteen percent (14%) of Arkansas' total population is over sixty (60) years of age; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks at the top of the list with the number of disabled citizens of working age, but ranks near the bottom of the list in the number of employed disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, it appears that one major factor in this disparity is the problem of architectural barriers in the work environment; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has not addressed the issue of architectural barriers in recent years,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

That the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor is hereby requested to conduct a study of the problem of architectural barriers in this State and develop proposals to carry us towards the goal of an architectural barrier-free society.