

SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MRS. CATHARINE ROBERTSON "KITTY" BARNETT, AND IN RECOGNITION OF HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO BATESVILLE, INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Catharine Robertson "Kitty" Barnett of Batesville, Arkansas, died on January 16 at the age of 83 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnett, who helped organize and establish the Independence County Library, was a woman of great vision and lived her life committed to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnett was a leader in the field of education having graduated from Arkansas College in Batesville and having received Arkansas College's first "Friend of Education" award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnett recognized the importance of special education and championed that cause for many years, her efforts culminating in the establishment of the Catharine R. Barnett School for developmentally disabled adults in Independence County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnett, who was born and raised in Marianna, Arkansas, was also an artist, a historian and active in many areas of the United Methodist Church at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnett will be remembered for her spirit, her commitment to educational opportunities for all, and her dedicated service in local civic affairs,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

That this Resolution is adopted in memory of Mrs. Catharine Robertson "Kitty" Barnett of Batesville, Arkansas, and in recognition of her contributions to the betterment of her community and her state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, an appropriate copy hereof shall be transmitted to Mr. I. N. Barnett, Sr., husband of Mrs. Barnett.