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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1328

4 By: Representatives Wooldridge, Maddox, Baker, Hendren, Simmons, Simon,
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE EDUCATION ACT."

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Subtitle

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12 "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE EDUCATION ACT."

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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17 SECTION 1. Local school boards may allow and encourage any teacher or
18 administrator in a public school district of this state to read or post in a
19 public school building, classroom, or event any excerpts or portions of: the
20 preamble to the state constitution; the Declaration of Independence; the
21 United States Constitution; the Mayflower Compact; the national motto; the
22 national anthem; the pledge of allegiance; the writings, speeches, documents
23 and proclamations of the Founding Fathers and Presidents of the United
24 States; organic documents from the pre-Colonial, Colonial, Revolutionary,
25 Federalist, and post-Federalist Eras; U. S. Supreme Court decisions; and acts
26 of the U. S. Congress. There shall be no content based censorship of
27 American history or heritage in this state based on religious or other
28 references in these writings, documents, and records.

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30 SECTION 2. A copy of this act shall be distributed to the
31 superintendent of each school district in the state by the Department of
32 Education whereupon the superintendents then shall provide a copy to each
33 teacher and each school board member.

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35 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent

1 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
2 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
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