

1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1995
4 By: Representative Argue

H.M.R. 1004

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7 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF DR. MATT LOCKE ELLIS.

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10 **Subtitle**

11 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF DR. MATT LOCKE ELLIS.

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13 WHEREAS, the achievements of Dr. Matt Locke Ellis brought him
14 recognition throughout the state as a prominent figure in higher education
15 and a devout Methodist whose friendships spanned every strata of society; and

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17 WHEREAS, the native of Southeast Arkansas served as president of
18 Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia from 1941 to 1945, where he
19 earned the distinction of being the only person to serve as professor,
20 academic dean, and president; and

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22 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis also served as president of Hendrix College in
23 Conway from 1945 to 1958, during which time the college's endowment doubled
24 and a chapel, auditorium, dining hall, student center, and two resident halls
25 were either built or started; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 1958 Dr. Ellis was selected as Arkansas Man of the Year by
28 readers of the Arkansas Democrat; and

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30 WHEREAS, in 1987 the Henderson State University Board of Trustees
31 established the Matt Locke Ellis College of Arts and Sciences in his honor;
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34 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis was also a lay leader in the Methodist Church,
35 serving in both the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences and as a

1 delegate to the Methodist Church's General Conference,

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL

5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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7 That this Resolution is adopted in respectful memory of Dr. Matt Locke

8 Ellis and in recognition of his contributions to this state and lasting

9 influence on the lives of his students.

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