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4 By: Representatives Wilkins, McKissack, Pappas, and Roberts

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 RECOGNIZING PINE BLUFF POLICE CHIEF JOE THOMAS FOR HIS
9 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND EXTENDING BEST WISHES TO HIM
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Subtitle

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17 WHEREAS, Joe Thomas will retire March 1, 1995, as Police Chief of the
18 Pine Bluff Police Department; and

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20 WHEREAS, Chief Thomas has distinguished himself as one of the country_s
21 leading law enforcement officers; and

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23 WHEREAS, Chief Thomas worked his way up the Pine Bluff City Government
24 ladder unlike no other person in the city_s history, beginning as a janitor
25 in 1947 and later progressing through the Police Department ranks as
26 Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief of Police and, finally, Chief;
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29 WHEREAS, he became the first African American employed as a police
30 officer with the City of Pine Bluff in 1966 and later became the city_s first
31 African American Chief of Police in 1992; and

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33 WHEREAS, Chief Thomas will be honored with an extremely important honor
34 upon his retirement when the City of Pine Bluff officially renames its
35 police-courts building the "Joe Thomas Public Facility".

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NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Arkansas House of Representatives hereby joins with the City
of Pine Bluff and all of its citizens in saluting retiring Police Chief Joe
Thomas who has distinguished himself and his family by exemplary service to
his hometown and the great state of Arkansas.

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