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HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 COMMENDING THE CAMDEN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR ITS INNOVATIVE
9 AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REPEAT
10 OFFENDERS PROSECUTED FOR SHOPLIFTING AND URGING OTHER
11 ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL COURTS TO DO THE SAME.

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Subtitle

14 COMMENDING THE CAMDEN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR INNOVATIVE AND
15 SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN REDUCING THE RECIDIVISM RATE FOR
16 SHOPLIFTING.

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18 WHEREAS, the Camden Municipal Court has received national media
19 attention for its innovative and successful efforts during the past ten (10)
20 years to reduce the recidivism rate for shoplifting; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Camden Municipal Court imposes a fine, a sixty (60) day
23 jail sentence, and one (1) year probation on first offender shoplifters; and

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25 WHEREAS, the jail sentence is suspended on condition that the defendant
26 commits no further shoplifting offenses for one (1) year and completes five
27 (5) hours of rehabilitative service; and

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29 WHEREAS, the rehabilitative service consists of the defendant returning
30 to the store where the offense occurred and walking in a designated area
31 wearing a sign that states "I was convicted of shoplifting and this is part
32 of my sentence"; and

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34 WHEREAS, most defendants elect to complete the five (5) hours of
35 rehabilitative service and there have been very few repeat offenders.

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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 members of the Arkansas House of Representatives hereby
commend the Camden Municipal Court for its innovative and successful efforts
in reducing the recidivism rate for shoplifting and urge other Arkansas
municipal courts to do the same.

