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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 DECLARING MR. NORMAN F. WILLIAMS AS _STATE GEOLOGIST
9 EMERITUS_.

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11 **Subtitle**

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16 WHEREAS, Mr. Norman F. (Bill) Williams has retired after service as
17 State Geologist since 1951; and

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19 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served his country in the United States Army in
20 World War II and obtained the rank of Lt. Colonel; and

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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams joined the staff of the Geology Division of the
23 Arkansas Resources and Development Commission as a field geologist in 1947;
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26 WHEREAS, On February 15, 1951, Mr. Williams was appointed State
27 Geologist under the administration of Governor Sid McMath; and

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29 WHEREAS, In 1955 the agency became the Arkansas Geological and
30 Conservation Commission with Mr. Williams as State Geologist and Director;
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33 WHEREAS, In 1963 the agency was divided into the Arkansas Geological
34 Commission and the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission and Mr.
35 Williams continued as State Geologist; and

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WHEREAS, For a short period, Mr. Williams also served as Director of the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was responsible for the development of information leading to the development of the bromine industry in south Arkansas, barite mining in the Magnet Cove area, the cement industry in southwest Arkansas, and natural gas development in the Arkansas Valley, and the evaluation of lignite resources in south and northeast Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was responsible for the development of the State Geologic Map of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams supported the cooperative program with the U.S. Geological Survey for topographic mapping of the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams established cooperative water programs that are the backbone of water data for the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is responsible for obtaining important well data that is now housed in the Norman F. Williams Well Sample Library; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has promoted the education of our children through a program that gives a bag or box of rocks and minerals to school children and through the Geology Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams_ knowledge of our state_s geology has made him a valuable member of the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission for the past twenty four years; and

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

THAT the members of the Arkansas Senate hereby recognized Mr. Norman F.

1 Williams for his dedicated service and important contributions to the State
2 of Arkansas.

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Arkansas Senate hereby declares Mr.
5 Norman F. Williams as "State Geologist Emeritus."

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