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18 WHEREAS, the admission of cameras in the courtroom serves as a way to

19 familiarize and educate citizens about the judicial branch of government and

20 the jury system; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Judiciary of Arkansas has continued to use great wisdom and

23 discretion coupled with restraint in considering whether to allow cameras in

24 their courtrooms; and

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26 WHEREAS, the use of cameras in some complex and protracted cases can

27 serve to distort the public s perception of a trial and how it is seen by the

28 jury.

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30 NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL

32 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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34 THAT the House of Representatives urges the Judiciary of Arkansas to

35 continue to use wisdom and discretion coupled with restraint in considering

36 whether or not to allow cameras in the courtroom during trial proceedings and,

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1 that whenever the use of cameras is allowed, urging the Judiciary to consider

2 allowing cameras to broadcast the proceeding only when the jury is present so

3 that the public may see the same proceedings as those serving on the jury.

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