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4 By: Senator Hopkins

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
19 OF ARKANSAS:

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21 That the following poem written by Mrs. Hester Hopkins is hereby
22 declared the official poem for the Regular Session of the Eighty-First General
23 Assembly:

24 "The Eighty First Session
25 by: Hester Hopkins

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27 They came out to make their stand
28 Amidst the clouds, the rain, and
29 the tornado that came to land.
30 Our plans were shifted here and there.
31 Pushed into the background, we wondered where.

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33 Well go back to our work
34 that we never had time to do.
35 These laws must be made
36 because they affect me and you.

1 Its great that choices can be made in this great land.
2 Theres a higher power watching
3 over us, I understand.
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5 We had lots of help, it seems to me.
6 We even had our friend, the cop.
7 God sent His treasures, too,
8 one being our beautiful Hale Bopp.
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10 I look out at the flowers
11 there in radiant splendor.
12 I find the redbud, dogwoods, tulips,
13 so many beautiful sights to remember.
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15 Im proud of the people
16 in our great state so grand.
17 Youll not find any better,
18 even if you searched the whole land.
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20 We disagree, we argue, fuss and feud over laws.
21 When all is said and done,
22 we agree to abide for the great cause.
23 We shake hands.
24 We care for each other still.
25 Were awfully glad you took the stand,
26 even if you dont agree
27 It shows you have the guts
28 in this beautiful land of the free."
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