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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CITY,
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23 WHEREAS, every year in Arkansas excessive amounts of litter are
24 discarded along highways, shorelines, and hiking trails and onto privately
25 owned farmland abutting such highways; and
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27 WHEREAS, the result of such littering results in an increase in litter
28 collection and disposal costs, degradation of the state's scenic beauty,
29 damage to farm equipment and injury to domestic livestock; and
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31 WHEREAS, much of the litter collected includes beverage containers and
32 packaging from food items consumed in automobiles or other motor vehicles, all
33 items that are being discarded as litter rather than recycled; such items,
34 when not discarded as litter, are often disposed of as household waste rather
35 than being recycled; and
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1 WHEREAS, in both instances the disposal of these items represents a loss
2 of valuable materials for re-use and an increase in local waste disposal
3 costs; and

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5 WHEREAS, present law in Arkansas does not adequately address these
6 issues, thus creating an inability to resolve the concerns of citizens in a
7 timely manner; and

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9 WHEREAS, other states have enacted legislation and implemented programs
10 to alleviate the problems associated with litter and lack of recycling, giving
11 state government more responsibility and authority in this important area; and

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13 WHEREAS, the many environmental, economic, tourism and other issues
14 related to recycling enhancement and litter reduction directly affect the
15 lives of many Arkansans, and these important and timely issues should be
16 carefully and exhaustively studied by this General Assembly;

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18 NOW THEREFORE,
19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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22 THAT the House Interim Committee on City, County and Local Affairs and
23 the Senate Interim Committee on City, County and Local Affairs study recycling
24 enhancement, litter reduction and related issues.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committees shall timely report their findings
27 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to
28 the Eighty-third General Assembly no later than September 1, 2000.