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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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10 EDUCATION TO HOLD HEARINGS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF
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24 WHEREAS, Arkansas must approach the digital age of information
25 with a highly accessible and useful multi-disciplinary set of materials to
26 support education, research, economic planning and a host of life-long
27 learning activities, and

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29 WHEREAS, Arkansas public education students and teachers, students and
30 faculty at colleges and universities, private citizens, as well as those
31 working in Arkansas businesses, government, agriculture, and the other
32 organizations will all be able to benefit from easy access to significant
33 digitized information related both to Arkansas and to national and
34 international research and service, and

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36 WHEREAS, Based on existing strengths such as statewide computer

1 networks, geographical information systems, rich collections from local
2 archives and museums, and current cooperative enterprises among state
3 agencies, organizations, and academic institutions, an Arkansas digital
4 library can be a major move forward for the State of Arkansas in the twenty-
5 first century, and

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7 WHEREAS, The University of Arkansas System, the Arkansas State
8 University System, and the other institutions of higher education, along with
9 public libraries and school libraries, have a strong interest in being able to
10 provide extensive information through the Internet, and

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12 WHEREAS, Librarians in Arkansas have done extensive work toward planning
13 a digital library, and

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15 WHEREAS, There is a need to familiarize legislators and educational
16 leaders in the state with the potential of the digital library concept.

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

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22 That the Senate and House Interim Committees on Education are requested to
23 jointly hold hearings to determine the amount of work done to date regarding
24 the digital library concept and will study and review the potential for such a
25 system in our state. The hearings and studies should involve librarians,
26 college and university presidents and chancellors, other appropriate academic
27 leaders, and state technology planners. The interim study should also include
28 a review of the status of such digital library systems in other states. The
29 Committees are further requested to issue a report to the Legislative Council,
30 including any recommendations for the 2001 Legislative Session, by September
31 30, 2000.

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