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By: Senators B. Walker, Simes, Wilkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA CENTER
FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF
AMERICA CENTER FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN
CULTURE AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. For the purposes of this subchapter:

(1) "Board" means the Mosaic Templars of America Center for African-American Culture and Business Enterprise Advisory Board created by this act;

(2) "Center" means the Mosaic Templars of America Center for African-American Culture and Business Enterprise created by this act;

(3) "Center director" means the Director of the Mosaic Templars of America Center for African-American Culture and Business Enterprise;

(4) "Department" means the Department of Arkansas Heritage; and

(5) "Director" shall mean the Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

SECTION 2. (a) There is hereby established the Mosaic Templars of America Center for African-American Culture and Business Enterprise which shall be a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage. The Director of

1 the Department of Arkansas Heritage, with the advice and consent of the
2 Governor, shall appoint the center director. All other employees of the center
3 shall be employed by and serve at the pleasure of the director in compliance
4 with state law.

5 (b) The center shall operate a program of temporary and permanent
6 exhibits, a library and resource center, and live performances. The attraction
7 of visitors shall be a major goal of the center.

8 (c) All budgeting, purchasing, and related management functions of the
9 center shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the center
10 director in compliance with state law. The center director, after seeking the
11 advice of the Mosaic Templars of America Center for African-American Culture
12 and Business Enterprise Advisory Board, shall promulgate any rules and
13 regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.

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15 SECTION 3. (a) There is hereby created the Mosaic Templars of America
16 Center for African-American Culture and Business Enterprise Advisory Board
17 which shall advise the center director and staff of the center on the
18 development of permanent and temporary exhibits, a plan for acquisition of
19 resource materials, and development of educational and other programming.

20 (b)(1) The board shall consist of nine (9) members, with at least one
21 (1) from each congressional district, appointed as follows:

22 (A) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House of Representatives.

24 (B) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the President
25 Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

26 (C) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Governor.

27 (2)(A) The terms of office of the initial members of the board
28 shall be determined by lot so that two (2) members serve an initial one-year
29 term, two (2) members serve an initial two-year term, two (2) members serve an
30 initial three-year term, and two (2) members serve an initial four-year term.

31 (B) Successor members shall serve four-year terms.

32 (3) No member shall serve more than two (2) four-year terms.

33 (c) The board shall meet at least quarterly. Special meetings may be
34 called by the chairman or a majority of the board.

35 (d) The chairman will be elected by members for a one-year term.

36 (e) Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled by the

1 appointing authority.

2 (f) The members of the board shall receive no compensation for their
3 services, but they may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-
4 16-902.

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6 SECTION 4. (a) The Mosaic Templars of America Center for African-
7 American Culture and Business Enterprise shall have the power to:

8 (1) Enter into contracts for the purchase, construction, lease,
9 or other acquisition of real property to house the center and to acquire or
10 construct necessary support facilities;

11 (2) Enter into contracts to purchase or lease personal property
12 for use as exhibits or for use as research material; and

13 (3) Enter into professional service contracts with appropriate
14 professionals to assist in the establishment of the center and the development
15 and operation of the center's programs and activities.

16 (b) The center shall have the authority to accept gifts of real or
17 personal property and money.

18 (c) The center shall have the authority to set fees related to the
19 programs and services offered by the center, including, but not limited to,
20 admission fees. Income generated by fees shall be cash funds of the center to
21 be used solely for the support of the center. Fee income shall be deposited in
22 a bank account but shall be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

23 (d) The center may request the assistance of other appropriate state
24 agencies in establishing and operating the center and its programs.

25 /s/ Lewellen, et al.