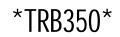
1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/15/01	
2	83rd General Assembly		
3	Regular Session, 2001	HCR	R 1040
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5	By: Representative Woma	ck	
6	By: Senator Hunter		
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9	H	OUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION	
10	RECOGN	NIZING ARKANSAS AS A "STATE OF CHARACTER".	
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13	REC	COGNIZING ARKANSAS AS A "STATE OF	
14	CHA	ARACTER".	
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17	WHEREAS, the p	eople of the State of Arkansas recognize the importa	ince
18	of having citizens w	ith honorable character qualities based upon the mor	~al
19	standards held by ou	r Founding Fathers and with which they established c	our
20	nation and legal sys	tem; and	
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22	WHEREAS, we re	cognize the validity of the statement by Alexis de	
23	Tocqueville that "Am	nerica is great because she is good. When America ce	eases
24	to be good, she will	cease to be great"; and	
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26	WHEREAS, we de	sire to build upon our heritage in making Arkansas a	1
27	place where families	are strong, homes and streets are safe, education i	S
28	effective, business	is productive, neighbors care about one another, and	1
29	citizens are free to	make wise choices for their lives and families; and	1
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31	WHEREAS, we re	cognize that individuals are responsible for their	
32	actions and that daily decisions should be based upon objective moral		
33	standards which are	the basis of universally-recognized character qualit	i es,
34	i ncl udi ng obedi ence,	honesty, truthfulness, diligence, generosity, kindr	iess,
35	loyalty, and courage	y; and	
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1 WHEREAS, lack of commitment and irresponsibility have resulted in an 2 increasing number of family problems causing personal, social, and financial 3 consequences to individual family members and to this State as a whole; and 4 WHEREAS, there is a need for more positive role models among our young 5 6 people to help prevent juvenile rebellion and delinquency; and 7 WHEREAS, if people fail to demonstrate positive character qualities and 8 9 if they make wrong moral choices, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens are endangered, resulting in a financial burden upon the taxpayers 10 11 for the costs of law enforcement; and 12 13 WHEREAS, many current societal problems will be alleviated when the citizens of this State live by positive and constructive character qualities 14 15 which distinguish between right and wrong; and 16 17 WHEREAS, teaching positive character qualities to juvenile delinguents has been shown to produce a change in behavior, reducing recidivism rates; 18 19 and 20 21 WHEREAS, our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is 22 exemplified, taught, and strengthened, and where learning is encouraged; and 23 24 WHEREAS, encouraging employees by recognizing positive character 25 qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety, 26 and corporate profits; and 27 28 WHEREAS, the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector 29 of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying 30 character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same, 31 32 NOW THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL 33 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, 34 35 That we pledge our commitment to character by declaring Arkansas to be 36

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1	a State of Character and by doing all in our power to promote character in
2	our schools, businesses, homes, churches, city government, state agencies,
3	media, and community groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these
4	jurisdictions to do likewise.
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