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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO HONOR FAY JONES' ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY AND THE
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Fay Jones was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, January 31, 1921,
and has become world renowned as one of the 20th century's most innovative
and inspirational architects; and

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WHEREAS, Fay Jones moved to Little Rock with his family at age 8, moved
with his family at age 9 to El Dorado, where he built his first structure, a
tree house, became an Eagle Scout, was inspired to become an architect in El
Dorado, and graduated from El Dorado High School; and

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WHEREAS, Fay Jones served his country in the South Pacific during World
War II as a Navy pilot of dive bombers and torpedo bombers; and

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WHEREAS, Fay Jones and Marty Elizabeth Knox Jones have been married for
58 years and have raised 2 daughters; and

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WHEREAS, Fay Jones entered the University of Arkansas' 1st class in

1 archi tecture, returned after World War II to teach archi tecture and
2 eventually became Dean of the Uni versity of Arkansas School of Archi tecture;
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5 WHEREAS, Fay Jones is widely acknowl edged as a man of brilliance and
6 integrity; a man who is patient, calm, generous, and profound and with a fine
7 sense of humor; and

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9 WHEREAS, Fay Jones has designed more than 200 buildings in his career,
10 over 100 of those structures in Arkansas, including Thorncrown Chapel near
11 Eureka Springs and Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista; and

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13 WHEREAS, Fay Jones' Thorncrown Chapel was voted the No. 4 building of
14 the century by the American Insti tute of Archi tects, and in 1981, won the
15 American Insti tute of Archi tects Honor Award, and in 1991, was voted the
16 finest American building built since 1980; and

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18 WHEREAS, Fay Jones won, in 1990, the American Insti tute of Archi tects'
19 highest honor, the Gold Medal, which was presented to him at a formal
20 ceremony at the White House by President George Herbert Walker Bush; and

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22 WHEREAS, Fay Jones' work embodies spiri tual i ty and evokes serenity
23 through the employment of light, scale, proportion, balance and contrast,
24 using the natural raw materials of Arkansas, stone and wood, orienting his
25 buildings to nature by conforming them to their sites and by opening them up
26 to the outside; and

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28 WHEREAS, Fay Jones has created several buildings which are among the
29 greatest ecclesi astical buildings of the century, displaying a belief that
30 humanity can live in peace with nature;

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32 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
33 THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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35 That this resolution is adopted in honor of Fay Jones, recognizing his many
36 contributions to archi tecture and the State of Arkansas.

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/s/ M. Smith, et al.