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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
10 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A STATEWIDE LEAD HAZARD
11 CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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20 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is an environmental problem that remains
21 largely an unknown threat in the United States; and
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23 WHEREAS, during fiscal year 1997, more than seventeen thousand (17,000)
24 suspected lead poisoning cases were referred to the Division of Environmental
25 Health Services, Department of Health for screening; and
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27 WHEREAS, officials from the Division of Environmental Health Services,
28 Department of Health are concerned that a large percentage of lead poisoning
29 cases are not reported or treated due to a lack of awareness by area
30 physicians and the general public as to hazards of lead based paint; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services, Office of Community Services
33 manages the current Lead Hazard Control Program for the State of Arkansas;
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36 WHEREAS, The Office of Community Services expressed willingness to take

1 the responsibility under the Department of Human Services to apply for three
2 million dollars (\$3,000,000) in additional federal funds to be utilized for
3 lead hazard control in Arkansas; and

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5 WHEREAS, the current Lead Hazard Control Program is operated in
6 collaboration with the Department of Health, the Arkansas Department of
7 Environmental Quality, the Arkansas Department of Economic Development, the
8 Arkansas Development Finance Authority, and the Department of Energy's
9 Weatherization program to enable substantial lead hazard control efforts
10 throughout Arkansas;

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12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
13 THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 That the Department of Human Services, Office of Community Services is
16 encouraged to prepare and submit, as soon as possible, an application to the
17 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requesting funding
18 for lead hazard control for the State of Arkansas; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives strongly supports
21 the submittal of such an application.