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6 By: Representative Salmon

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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11 ADMINISTER SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES IN THE
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24 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is committed to providing community-based
25 alternatives for people of all ages with disabilities and recognizes that such
26 services frequently advance the best interests of all Arkansans; and

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28 WHEREAS, Arkansas seeks to ensure that Arkansas' community-based
29 programs effectively foster independence and acceptance of people with
30 disabilities; and

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32 WHEREAS, programs such as community based alternatives and home and
33 community services provide an opportunity for people to live productive lives
34 in their home communities; and

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36 WHEREAS, Arkansas has a long history of developing innovative services

1 to allow people with disabilities to live outside of institutional settings;
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4 WHEREAS, the Governor and the General Assembly have been consistent
5 advocates for expanding community-based services for the elderly and people
6 with disabilities, and have increased funding for such programs; and

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8 WHEREAS, Arkansas must build upon its success and undertake a broader
9 review of our programs for people with disabilities to ensure that services
10 are offered in the most appropriate setting.

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
14 OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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16 That it shall be the policy of the State of Arkansas that all Arkansans
17 with a disability, who are eligible to receive long term care services, shall
18 have the option of receiving services in the least restrictive environment
19 when:

20 (1) The state's treatment professionals determine that such treatment
21 is appropriate;

22 (2) The affected person does not oppose such treatment; and

23 (3) The treatment can be reasonably accommodated, taking into account
24 the resources available to the state and the needs of other persons with
25 disabilities.

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