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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING THE BROWNS - JIM ED, MAXINE, AND
10 BONNIE - AS OUTSTANDING ARKANSANS.

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13 RECOGNIZING THE BROWNS - JIM ED, MAXINE,
14 AND BONNIE - AS OUTSTANDING ARKANSANS.

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17 WHEREAS, the Browns - Jim Ed, Maxine, and Bonnie - came from humble
18 beginnings in the small town of Sparkman, Arkansas in rural Dallas County;
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21 WHEREAS, The Browns' 1959 recording of the song, "The Three Bells"
22 became an instant success, reaching #1 on all major Country and Pop music
23 charts, and the Top Ten on Rhythm and Blues charts, and selling over 500,000
24 records within one month of its debut; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Browns were selected as permanent members of the Grand Ole
27 Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1963; and

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29 WHEREAS, in 13 years of recording from 1954 - 1967, the Browns
30 consistently placed hit after hit on the Country and Pop music charts with
31 songs like "Looking Back To See", "The Old Lamplighter", "I Take the Chance",
32 and "Scarlet Ribbons"; and

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34 WHEREAS, In 1997 the Browns were chosen for membership in the Arkansas
35 Entertainers Hall of Fame in recognition of their many contributions to and
36 achievements in the field of music; and

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WHEREAS, Although the Browns disbanded as a group in 1967, their unique harmony is still heard today on vintage music Country and Pop radio stations and they continue to make special appearances in concert and on the Grand Ole Opry still today,

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

That the Eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas takes great pride in recognizing the Browns - Jim Ed, Maxine, and Bonnie - as outstanding Arkansans and recognizes them for their many accomplishments in the country music industry and for the enjoyment they have brought to music listeners around the world.

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