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5 By: Senator Mahony  
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING DR. BEN JOHNSON AS AN OUTSTANDING AUTHOR  
10 AND SCHOLAR.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 COMMENDING DR. BEN JOHNSON AS AN  
16 OUTSTANDING AUTHOR AND SCHOLAR.  
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19 WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Johnson is an eminent Arkansas historian and educator;  
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22 WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Johnson is a former Texan who has adopted the State of  
23 Arkansas as his home; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Johnson earned his Ph.D. Degree from the University of  
26 Arkansas and has been a long-time college history instructor and faculty  
27 leader; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is the author of two highly praised books for the  
30 University of Arkansas Press: Fierce Solitude: a Life of John Gould  
31 Fletcher and Arkansas in Modern America: 1930-1999; and  
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33 WHEREAS, these two books were exceptional feats because both were  
34 written not while on sabbatical leave, but while Dr. Johnson was also  
35 teaching as an active faculty member; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has served in leadership positions on both the  
2 Arkansas Historical Association and the Arkansas Humanities Council; and

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4           WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has repeatedly won the Phi Theta Kappa's teacher  
5 of the year award; and

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7           WHEREAS, Arkansas is fortunate to have a scholar, teacher, and author  
8 of Dr. Johnson's caliber.

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10       NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13           That Dr. Ben Johnson is hereby recognized and commended for his  
14 exceptional scholarship, his outstanding career in higher education, and the  
15 recognition both have brought to the state.