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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 REQUESTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED
10 COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO HOLD
11 HEARINGS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE TO
12 DATE REGARDING THE DIGITAL LIBRARY CONCEPT AND TO
13 STUDY AND REVIEW THE POTENTIAL FOR SUCH A SYSTEM
14 IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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16 **Subtitle**

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21 LIBRARY CONCEPT AND THE POTENTIAL SUCH
22 SYSTEM IN ARKANSAS.
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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas must approach the digital age of information with a
26 highly accessible and useful multi-disciplinary set of materials to support
27 education, research, economic planning, and a host of life-long learning
28 activities; and
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30 WHEREAS, Arkansas public education students and teachers, students and
31 faculty at colleges and universities, and private citizens, as well as those
32 working in Arkansas businesses, government, agriculture, and the other
33 organizations, will benefit from easy access to significant digitized
34 information related both to Arkansas and to national and international
35 research and service; and
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1 WHEREAS, Based on existing strengths such as statewide computer
2 networks, geographical information systems, rich collections from local
3 archives and museums, and current cooperative enterprises among state
4 agencies, organizations, and academic institutions, an Arkansas digital
5 library can be a major move forward for the State of Arkansas in the twenty-
6 first century; and

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8 WHEREAS, The University of Arkansas System, the Arkansas State
9 University System, and the other institutions of higher education, along with
10 public libraries and school libraries, have a strong interest in being able
11 to provide extensive information through the Internet; and

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13 WHEREAS, Librarians in Arkansas have done extensive work toward
14 planning a digital library; and

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16 WHEREAS, There is a need to familiarize members of the General Assembly
17 and educational leaders in the state with the potential of the digital
18 library concept;

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

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24 That the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information
25 Technology is requested to hold hearings to determine the amount of work done
26 to date regarding the digital library concept and study and review the
27 potential for such a system in this state.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hearings and study should involve
30 librarians, college and university presidents and chancellors, other
31 appropriate academic leaders, and state technology planners.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim study should also include a review
34 of the status of digital library systems in other states.

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications

1 and Information Technology is further requested to issue a report to the
2 Legislative Council, including any recommendations for the 2005 Regular
3 Session, by September 30, 2004.

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