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5 By: Representatives Lendall, Elliott, Lewellen, Ledbetter, Bradford

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8 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**
9 HONORING AND MEMORALIZING MR. FRED DARRAGH.

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11 **Subtitle**

12 HONORING AND MEMORALIZING MR. FRED
13 DARRAGH.

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16 WHEREAS, Mr. Fred Darragh of Little Rock passed away on Thursday, March
17 20, 2003; and

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19 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh was a patriot who served his country during World
20 War II as a pilot, flying the "Hump", the treacherous trek over the Himalayas
21 into India; and

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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh was an intriguing businessman and philanthropist
24 and was fearless when speaking his mind; and

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh devoted much of his fortune and efforts to
27 eliminating illiteracy; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh was a benefactor for libraries in every county in
30 this state; and

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32 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh was a founding member of the Arkansas affiliate of
33 the American Civil Liberties Union, and throughout his adult life he stood
34 for free speech, intellectual freedom, and diversity; and

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36 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh was courageous, not only in war but also in



1 domestic crises; and

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3 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh stood firmly by Daisy Bates during the Central
4 High School desegregation crisis in 1957; and

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6 WHEREAS, Mr. Darragh has left a legacy of strength, wisdom, and
7 dedication to his country, his family, his friends, and his ideals; and

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9 WHEREAS, not only did Fred Darragh dedicate himself to the betterment
10 of this state, but he did so unassumingly,

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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16 That it joins with the family and friends of Mr. Fred Darragh in
17 honoring and memorializing his efforts for the people of this state.

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