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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 DECLARING MAY 1ST AS "COLD WAR VICTORY DAY".

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 DAY".

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18 WHEREAS, the Cold War was a long and costly struggle for freedom
19 between the forces of democratic nations, led by the United States, against
20 the tyranny and brutality of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Cold War began after World War II with the threat of world
23 domination in Europe and Asia by the communist ideology and military action;
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26 WHEREAS, this unique war was marked by periodic confrontations between
27 West and East, including international crises such as the Berlin Airlift in
28 1948, the Korean War, 1950 – 1953, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, and the
29 Vietnam War, 1960 – 1975; and
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31 WHEREAS, the end of the longest undeclared war in United States history
32 began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November, 1989, and culminated with
33 the collapse of the Soviet Union's communist government in December, 1991,
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36 WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the United States bore the largest share of



1 the financial burden of six trillion, one hundred thirty-six billion dollars
2 (\$6,136,000,000,000) total or one hundred sixty-two billion dollars
3 (\$162,000,000,000) per year to win the Cold War; and
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5 WHEREAS, it took twenty million (20,000,000) Cold War Veterans to win
6 the Cold War with hundred of thousands of them being from the State of
7 Arkansas; and
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9 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of soldiers, sailors, marines, and air force
10 personnel served during the forty six (46) years of crisis; and
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12 WHEREAS, some paid with their lives to protect the freedom that much of
13 the world enjoys today; and
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15 WHEREAS, an estimated fifty thousand (50,000) military personnel died
16 because of military "non-combat" training activities during those forty six
17 (46) years; and
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19 WHEREAS, in the years of 1945-1968 there were over thirty (30) "shoot
20 downs" of American aircraft by communist fire; and
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22 WHEREAS, all military personnel on these aircraft were killed or
23 captured and never returned home; and
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25 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of American citizens have served in the
26 military of their country when called upon to protect the free world from
27 communist domination; and
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29 WHEREAS, our government has generally ignored the service of these
30 "citizen soldiers"; and
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32 WHEREAS, with the creation of a Cold War Service Day, May 1, 2003, the
33 Veterans of the Cold War will finally be recognized in the State of Arkansas,
34 for their military service that won the Cold War, defeated the communist
35 threat, and kept America free,
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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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5 That the Arkansas General Assembly declares May 1, 2003, and every May
6 1st thereafter, as Cold War Victory Day to honor the Arkansas Veterans who
7 served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Cold War years of
8 1945 through 1991.

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