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5 By: Senator Argue
6 By: Representative C. Johnson

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 NAMING FEBRUARY 24, 2003 AS "KIDS COUNT DAY AT
11 THE CAPITOL - 2003" AND INVITING KIDS AND
12 EVERYONE WHO CARES ABOUT CHILDREN'S ISSUES TO
13 VISIT THE CAPITOL.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 NAMING FEBRUARY 24, 2003 AS "KIDS COUNT
17 DAY AT THE CAPITOL - 2003."

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20 WHEREAS, Arkansas families with children need many resources to help
21 stretch their own resources to support the children in a state where more
22 than one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) children live in low-income
23 working-family homes and where twenty-four percent (24%) of the children live
24 in poverty; and

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26 WHEREAS, eleven percent (11%) of Arkansas teenagers are high school
27 dropouts, thirteen percent (13%) of Arkansas teenagers are not attending
28 school or working in a job, and the teenage birthrate tops fifty (50) births
29 per every one thousand (1,000) Arkansas teenage girls; and

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31 WHEREAS, over one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) of Arkansas'
32 children under age eighteen (18) are covered by Medicaid, representing
33 twenty-two percent (22%) of the total kid population, and another twelve
34 percent (12%), or eighty-eight thousand (88,000) children are completely
35 uninsured; and

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1 WHEREAS, according to the 2000 federal census, there are over seven
2 hundred thirty thousand (730,000) children under the age of eighteen (18) in
3 Arkansas and those children constitute twenty-eight percent (28%) of the
4 total population of the state, and those children will grow up and become our
5 citizens and leaders of tomorrow,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
9 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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11 THAT February 24, 2003 be named as “Kids Count Day at the Capitol –
12 2003,” and that all children and everyone who is interested in children’s
13 issues are invited to converge on the Arkansas State Capitol to speak with
14 their elected officials concerning legislation and other issues that affect
15 children in Arkansas.