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# SENATE RESOLUTION <br> RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. DAVID MARION WILKINSON. 

## Subtitle

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. DAVID MARION WILKINSON.

Whereas, David Marion Wilkinson, is a fifth-generation Arkansan and lived in his home state until 1972; and

Whereas, his first novel, Not Between Brothers, won the 1997 Violet Crown Award for fiction, was a Spur Award "Best Novel of the West" finalist, and was selected "Editors Choice" by The Review of Texas Books; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilkinson's second novel, The Empty Quarter, drew upon his experiences in the North Sea and Saudi Arabia; and

Whereas, he won the Western Writers of America 2000 Spur Award for Best Western Short Fiction for his short story "Opening Day," published by ReadWest Online Magazine; and

Whereas, his third novel, Oblivion's Altar, the true life story of the Cherokee Chief Major Ridge, won the 2003 Spur Award for "Best Original Paperback" and was selected as a finalist for the 2003 Oklahoma Book Awards; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilkinson is a member of Western Writers of America, and is a member of the board of Ozark Creative Writers; and

Whereas, David Marion Wilkinson is known as an engaging storyteller who prides himself on the historical accuracy of his work, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Senate of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly takes pride in recognizing David Marion Wilkinson as an outstanding Arkansan and to congratulate him for his excellent literary works that have entertained and enlightened many readers.

