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5 By: Senator Laverty

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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 HONORING THE MEMORY AND MOURNING THE LOSS OF
10 MARGARET PHILLIPS.

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Subtitle

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14 LOSS OF MARGARET PHILLIPS.

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17 WHEREAS, on January 24, 2004, Margaret Juanita Hancock Phillips died at
18 her home in Jasper, Arkansas at the age of 89; and

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20 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips was born December 17, 1914, in Baker, Oregon, the
21 daughter of Benjamin and Clemmie Horton Hancock, who preceded her in death;
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24 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips was a Sunday School teacher and member of the
25 Smith Mountain EH Club for over fifty years, and an active member of the
26 Jasper United Methodist Church; and

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28 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips retired from the United States Forest Service and
29 had worked for many years in the Newton County Clerk's Office and as a Farm
30 Bureau insurance agent; and

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32 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips continued writing for newspapers after selling
33 the Newton County News in 1957, her last articles for the Newton County Times
34 being written within the week preceding her death; and

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36 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips was a member of the Jasper AARP, Friends of the



1 Library, Writing Club, and Newtonian Book Club; and

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3 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips was a charter member of the Jasper High School
4 Alumni Association, on the Newton County Beautification Committee, a Senior
5 Citizen Center member, and weather reporter for KY3TV; and

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7 WHEREAS, some of Ms. Phillips' awards include the Eugene Villines
8 Community Service Award, the Smith Mountain EHC and Friends of the Library
9 Certificate of Recognition, the 1998 Jasper High School Distinguished Alumni
10 Award, the Senior Arkansas Hall of Fame, the 1999 Grand Marshall of the
11 Newton County Fair Parade, and the 1995 Newton County Volunteer of the Year;
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14 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips was an advocate and sponsor of the Newton County
15 Fall and Spring Tours; and

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17 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips loved learning, teaching, canoeing down the
18 Buffalo River, traveling the country, and sharing her love of life and love
19 of Newton County; and

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21 WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips was preceded in death by her husband, Guy R.
22 Phillips, and brother, Bill Hancock; she is survived by two sons, Robert of
23 Hot Springs Village and John David of Jasper; four daughters, Jackie Humbard,
24 Pat Shoemaker, and Elaine Welchel of Springdale and Jane Shipman of Mountain
25 View; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; and one
26 great-great-grandchild,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
30 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 That the Senate honors the memory and many accomplishments of Margaret
33 Phillips and mourns her passing.