

1 State of Arkansas  
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5 By: Senator Wooldridge

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF JIM  
10 PICKENS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF  
11 ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 JIM PICKENS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE  
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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19 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2003, Jim Pickens officially retired as the  
20 Executive Director of the Arkansas Department of Economic Development; and

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22 WHEREAS, in February of 2001 Governor Huckabee coaxed Mr. Pickens out  
23 of retirement to revamp the Arkansas Department of Economic Development; and

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25 WHEREAS, under Mr. Pickens' leadership, the Arkansas Department of  
26 Economic Development has reached new heights in recruiting businesses to  
27 Arkansas and creating jobs; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens worked for more than forty (40) years for the  
30 Arkansas Power & Light Company, now Entergy Corporation, where he served as  
31 Vice President of Public Affairs, the Director of State Governmental and  
32 External Affairs, and in other management positions; and

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34 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens has been active in the community currently serving  
35 as the Chairman of Pathfinders Foundation, Vice Chairman of P.A.R.K.  
36 (Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids), and on the C.A.R.T.I. Foundation Board,



1 the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame Board, the Little Rock Club Board, and the  
2 Arkansas State Golf Association Executive Board; and

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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens previously served on the Arkansas State University  
5 Board of Trustees; as President of the Arkansas State Golf Association; on  
6 the U.A.L.R. Trojan Foundation Board of Directors; as President or President-  
7 Elect of Chambers of Commerce in Newport, Pine Bluff, and Hot Springs; on the  
8 Jefferson County Industrial Foundation Board of Directors; as President of  
9 the Garland County Economic Development Commission; on behalf of the United  
10 Way Campaigns in Jefferson and Garland Counties; the Arthritis Foundation  
11 Board; the Arkansas State University Foundation - Delta Health Education  
12 Partnership; as President of the Pleasant Valley Country Club, the Pine Bluff  
13 Country Club, and the Little Rock Club; upon fund-raising committees for the  
14 Easter Seal Society, March of Dimes, National Conference of Christians and  
15 Jews, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America, the University of Arkansas, U.A.L.R.  
16 athletic programs, Arkansas Prostrate Cancer Association, Arkansas Sheriff's  
17 Ranch Program, and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre; among other positions of  
18 service to the community; and

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20 WHEREAS, among Mr. Pickens' awards are the naming of the Jim Pickens  
21 Pathfinder Skills Training Center in 2001, the ASU College of Business  
22 Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998, the Boys' and Girls' Club of America  
23 Bronze Award in 1997, the Pathfinder Crystal Award in 1995, the Entergy  
24 Chairman Award winner on four (4) occasions, the Pine Bluff Outstanding Civic  
25 Leader in 1984, the Arkansas' Outstanding Young Men's Award in 1971, and the  
26 Arkansas Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1965,

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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 of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly takes great pride  
33 in honoring Jim Pickens upon his retirement, and recognizing his outstanding  
34 service to the State of Arkansas and the community.