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6 By: Senators Wilkinson, J. Bookout, Trusty, T. Smith

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO ENCOURAGE ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
11 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARTIAL TUITION WAIVER
12 PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
13 GUARD AND THE RESERVES WHO ARE PURSUING
14 UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES.

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16 **Subtitle**

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18 EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARTIAL
19 TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF
20 THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD AND THE
21 RESERVES.

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24 WHEREAS, the volunteer citizen-soldiers of the National Guard and the
25 Reserves have been vital to the defense of the nation for over three hundred
26 sixty-five (365) years; and

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28 WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserve military forces have responded
29 to every major national security threat in the history of the United States,
30 from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, World War I, World War II, the
31 Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and most recently
32 Operation Iraqi Freedom, not to mention numerous peace keeping, security, and
33 reconstruction efforts all over the world; and

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35 WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserves account for only a fraction of
36 the defense budget, but allow the nation to almost double the size of the



1 armed forces, making them an essential part of a total force concept; and

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3 WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserves are vital to the national
4 security of the United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the
7 operational commitments of the United States Armed Forces, including the
8 National Guard and Reserves, have increased significantly; and

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10 WHEREAS, currently three thousand two hundred fifty (3,250) Arkansas
11 National Guard soldiers and airmen are serving on federal active duty; and

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13 WHEREAS, responding to the needs of their country has required
14 significant sacrifices on the part of the members of the National Guard and
15 Reserves and their families; and

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17 WHEREAS, as part of the compensation for their military service to our
18 country, the federal government pays for seventy-five percent (75%) of the
19 member's tuition at institutions of higher education, based on a maximum
20 tuition rate of two hundred dollars (\$200) per semester hour, and a maximum
21 of five hundred dollars (\$500) in fees, which amounts to total federal aid of
22 a maximum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) each fiscal year; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Arkansas National Guard, under the leadership of Adjutant
25 General Don Morrow, has initiated a program to encourage the state's
26 institutions of higher education to waive twenty-five percent (25%) of the
27 Arkansas National Guard member's undergraduate tuition in the spirit of
28 patriotism and support for members of the Arkansas National Guard; and

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30 WHEREAS, the following eighteen (18) institutions of higher education
31 have agreed to participate in the partial tuition waiver program:

- 32 (1) Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia,
33 (2) The University of Arkansas at Little Rock,
34 (3) Pulaski Technical College,
35 (4) The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville,
36 (5) North Arkansas College at Harrison,

- 1 (6) Arkansas State University at Newport,
- 2 (7) The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith,
- 3 (8) Ouachita Technical College at Malvern,
- 4 (9) Southern Arkansas University Tech at Camden,
- 5 (10) The University of Central Arkansas,
- 6 (11) Arkansas Tech University at Russellville,
- 7 (12) The University of Arkansas at Monticello,
- 8 (13) Henderson State University at Arkadelphia,
- 9 (14) National Park Community College at Hot Springs,
- 10 (15) Central Baptist College at Conway
- 11 (16) The University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton,
- 12 (17) Black River Technical College, and
- 13 (18) East Arkansas Community College; and
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15 WHEREAS, each and every institution of higher education in this state
 16 that participates in the partial tuition waiver program for members of the
 17 Arkansas National Guard should be recognized and commended for its patriotism
 18 and support; and

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 20 WHEREAS, each and every institution of higher education in this state
 21 is encouraged to participate in the partial tuition waiver program for
 22 members of the Arkansas National Guard and to view the program as an
 23 opportunity to show its patriotism and its support for the Arkansans who risk
 24 their lives, leave their homes and families, and make numerous other
 25 sacrifices to secure our freedom,

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 27 NOW THEREFORE,
 28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
 29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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 31 THAT the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas
 32 recognizes and commends the following eighteen (18) institutions of higher
 33 education that have agreed to participate in the partial tuition waiver
 34 program and to support our National Guard and Reserve soldiers and airmen:

- 35 (1) Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia,
- 36 (2) The University of Arkansas at Little Rock,

- 1 (3) Pulaski Technical College,
- 2 (4) The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville,
- 3 (5) North Arkansas College at Harrison,
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- 15 (17) Black River Technical College, and
- 16 (18) East Arkansas Community College; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the
19 State of Arkansas encourages each and every institution of higher education
20 in the state to participate in the partial tuition waiver program and to
21 support our National Guard and Reserve soldiers and airmen.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the clerk
24 of the House of Representatives shall mail a copy of this resolution to the
25 Director of the Department of Higher Education with a request that the
26 department mail a copy to the president of each institution of higher
27 education in the state and the chairperson of the board of trustees of each
28 institution of higher education in the state.

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