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## 8 HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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20 WHEREAS, Dr. John L. Imhoff of Fayetteville, Arkansas, died on  
21 Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the age of eighty-two (82) years; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff was born on February 9, 1923, to John Imhoff and  
24 Elizabeth Franz Imhoff, in Baltimore, Maryland; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in  
27 1940; received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from  
28 Duke University in 1945; received his Master's Degree in Mechanical and  
29 Industrial Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1947; and received  
30 his Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1971;  
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33 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff pursued additional educational studies, including  
34 the National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowship at Stanford  
35 University, the National Science Foundation Summer Industrial Dynamics at  
36 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Nuclear Engineering Institute



1 at the University of California at Berkeley; and

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3 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff's professional experience includes the American  
4 Rolling Mill Corporation in Baltimore from 1940 until 1943, U.S. Naval  
5 officer and diplomatic courier in the European Theater from 1945 until 1947,  
6 and assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of  
7 Minnesota from 1948 until 1951; and

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9 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff served as professor and department head of the  
10 Industrial Engineering Department of the University of Arkansas at  
11 Fayetteville from 1951 until 1980; retired from full-time teaching in 1990;  
12 and until 2003, continued co-teaching a course as University Professor  
13 Emeritus on global aspects of engineering, acting as advisor to the student  
14 honor society, and acting as liaison for the Industrial Engineering  
15 Department outreach program; and

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17 WHEREAS, while at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Dr.  
18 Imhoff helped found the Department of Industrial Engineering; consulted  
19 extensively for corporations and Arkansas state government; helped to  
20 establish and become Director of the University of Arkansas Productivity  
21 Center; established one of the country's first successful Master of Science  
22 degrees in Operations Research; participated in the development of the  
23 Graduate Institute of Technology program in Little Rock; helped develop the  
24 Master of Science in Operations Management program for Air Force bases in  
25 Blytheville and Jacksonville, Arkansas, and the Naval Air Station in Memphis,  
26 Tennessee; and established and developed University of Arkansas student  
27 chapters of the Industrial Engineers and Alpha Pi Mu National Student Honor  
28 Society; and

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30 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff's efforts resulted in an exceptional number of  
31 University of Arkansas engineering graduates who achieved prominence in  
32 industrial, commercial, and educational professional careers; and

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34 WHEREAS, the department Dr. Imhoff founded played an important role for  
35 many years, not only for industrial engineers but also for engineering  
36 graduates of all disciplines; and

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2           WHEREAS, after retiring as department head, Dr. Imhoff devoted his  
3 efforts to full-time teaching and to the development of a University of  
4 Arkansas Productivity Center to assist in state economic development  
5 activities, developing a cooperative network in the State of Arkansas with  
6 the Small Business Administration and conducting research in the United  
7 States and Europe on productivity enhancement activities of business and  
8 governmental units in all countries; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff was a founding member and officer of the National  
11 Productivity Network, a founding member of the Arkansas Center of Technology  
12 Transfer, Chairman and member of the United States Senate Productivity Award  
13 Boards of Senators Pryor and Bumpers, and the founding member of the Arkansas  
14 Quality/Productivity Task Force, which is now the Arkansas Industrial  
15 Development Commission; and Arkansas productivity initiatives and ideas were  
16 later extended nationally by President Bill Clinton; and  
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18           WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff was a fellow of both the Institute of Industrial  
19 Engineers and the World Academy of Productivity Sciences; a founder of the  
20 Industrial Engineering Department's productivity center, a quality management  
21 center created to keep American engineers competitive in a global market; a  
22 member of former Governor Winthrop Rockefeller's Governmental Efficiency  
23 Commission; a member of both former Governor Bill Clinton's and former  
24 Governor Jim Guy Tucker's Alternative Fuels Commissions; and a founding  
25 member of the Ozark Society; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff was the recipient of numerous university and  
28 community awards, including the University of Arkansas Distinguished Award in  
29 Teaching, the Institute of Industrial Engineers Fellow Award, the Engineering  
30 College Halliburton Award for Teaching Excellence, numerous Industrial  
31 Engineering Department Outstanding Teacher Awards, and the John L. Imhoff  
32 Distinguished Chair in Industrial Engineering established by the Industrial  
33 Engineering Alumni in 1983. Dr. Imhoff was an honorary member of the  
34 Arkansas Academy of Industrial Engineering, Duke University College of  
35 Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in  
36 Engineering, American Men of Science, and Who's Who in Education; and

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2 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff set standards of excellence that resulted in the  
3 University of Arkansas chapters of Alpha Pi Mu and the Institute of  
4 Industrial Engineers garnering national honors; and

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6 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff and his wife, Mrs. Lois Imhoff, were inducted into  
7 the Towers of Old Main, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville society  
8 that recognizes lifetime giving to the university, on the weekend of the 50th  
9 anniversary of the Department of Industrial Engineering; and

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11 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff thrived on the global impact potential of the  
12 industrial engineering discipline; and

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14 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff was a mover and a shaker in Arkansas business, and  
15 many of today's national leaders have deep admiration for his concentrated  
16 efforts to improve productivity; and

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18 WHEREAS, Dr. Imhoff is survived by his wife of fifty-seven (57) years,  
19 Lois; his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John Imhoff and Susan of Sea Island,  
20 Georgia; his daughter and son-in-law, Karen E. Anderson and Richard of  
21 Weston, Connecticut; his son and daughter-in-law, Carl H. Imhoff and Kristen  
22 of Richland, Washington; and five (5) grandsons, John C. Anderson, John C.  
23 Imhoff, Daniel H. Imhoff, Kurt S. Imhoff, and Robert C. Imhoff; and

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25 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth General  
26 Assembly wishes to publicly recognize Dr. Imhoff's many contributions to the  
27 State of Arkansas and his local community,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,  
30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes Dr. John L. Imhoff's  
34 commitment, hard work, dedication, and years of service to the State of  
35 Arkansas and his local community and commends him for his leadership.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of  
2 Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Dr.  
3 Imhoff, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be  
4 provided to the family of Dr. Imhoff by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
5 Representatives.

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