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HR 1021

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 CONCERNING PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL.

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11 **Subtitle**

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13 SCHOOL.

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16 WHEREAS, Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School was a high school for
17 African-Americans that operated between 1929 and 1955 in Little, Rock
18 Arkansas; and

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20 WHEREAS, Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School was often referred to as the
21 finest high school for African-American boys and girls in Arkansas; and

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23 WHEREAS, Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School was described, in a brief
24 history written by Dr. Johanna Miller Lewis, as the largest, most impressive,
25 and first accredited public secondary institution for African-Americans in
26 the State of Arkansas; and

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28 WHEREAS, many limitations were placed on Paul Lawrence Dunbar High
29 School, its students, and faculty, such as being forced to use out-of-date
30 textbooks and hand-me-down equipment and provide instruction with lack of
31 appropriate teaching spaces so that gym classes were held outside on the
32 school grounds and students athletes had to walk sixteen blocks to a practice
33 field; and

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35 WHEREAS, despite the limitations, Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School and
36 the much loved faculty and staff delivered a quality education and inspired



1 and motivated scores of African-Americans; and

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3 WHEREAS, graduates of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School have achieved an
4 impressive record of academic and personal success with many graduates
5 attending college and many becoming national and state leaders in their
6 respective fields; and

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8 WHEREAS, the last class to graduate from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High
9 School in Little Rock, Arkansas, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary
10 during the seventeenth reunion of the classes, which will be held in St.
11 Louis, Missouri, from July 8 through July 12, 2005,

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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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17 THAT the Arkansas House of Representatives commends Paul Lawrence
18 Dunbar High School and its graduates on their outstanding contributions to
19 the State of Arkansas and the United States and congratulates the last
20 graduating class of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School on the fiftieth
21 anniversary of their graduation and wishes them continuing success and
22 happiness.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief
25 Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies to the organizers
26 of the seventeenth reunion of the classes of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School
27 for distribution to graduates of the high school.