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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO PROMOTE AND CELEBRATE THE STUDY OF LANGUAGES  
10 IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS,  
11 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, PRIVATE  
12 BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS IN 2005 - THE  
13 YEAR OF LANGUAGES IN ARKANSAS.  
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### 15 Subtitle

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18 LANGUAGES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS,  
19 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS OF  
20 HIGHER EDUCATION, PRIVATE BUSINESSES,  
21 AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS IN 2005 - THE  
22 YEAR OF LANGUAGES IN ARKANSAS.  
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24 WHEREAS, the people of Arkansas and the United States have growing  
25 social, cultural, and economic ties to the international community that  
26 present new challenges as Arkansas and the United States seek to communicate  
27 with and understand international partners with different languages and  
28 cultural backgrounds; and  
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30 WHEREAS, communities across Arkansas and the United States are  
31 welcoming new neighbors, friends, employees, and citizens from many countries  
32 throughout the world; and  
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34 WHEREAS, developing a workforce that is skilled in languages and  
35 cultural understanding is vital for conducting international commerce; and  
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1 WHEREAS, expertise in numerous foreign languages, particularly the  
2 languages of Asia and the Middle East, will improve information gathering and  
3 analysis within the intelligence community of the United States; and  
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5 WHEREAS, studying other languages has been shown to contribute to  
6 increased cognitive skills, better academic performance, and a greater  
7 understanding of others, while also providing lifelong learning  
8 opportunities; and  
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10 WHEREAS, language education in the 21st century includes a commitment  
11 to the extended study of world languages, beginning in the early grades and  
12 continuing throughout the academic career of an individual, in order to  
13 develop the levels of proficiency needed to effectively communicate with  
14 people from other cultures at home and abroad; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association joins the  
17 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, along with its  
18 affiliate organizations, in urging the public to support increased language  
19 education for all students, which will expand the cultural and literary  
20 horizons of our society and strengthen the economic position and security of  
21 the Arkansas and the United States throughout the world; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Governor Mike Huckabee has proclaimed 2005 the Year of  
24 Languages, calling upon the people of Arkansas to encourage and support  
25 initiatives to promote and expand the study of languages,  
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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:  
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31 That the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas recognizes  
32 that:

33 (1) The study of languages contributes to the intellectual and  
34 social development of a student and strengthens the economy and security of  
35 the Arkansas and the United States;

36 (2) During 2005, the Year of Languages in Arkansas, language

1 study should be promoted and expanded in elementary schools, secondary  
2 schools, institutions of higher education, businesses, and government  
3 programs; and

4 (3) Arkansans should observe 2005, the Year of Languages in  
5 Arkansas, with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities.

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