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5 By: Senator Malone
6 By: Representative Bradford

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO SUPPORT A FEDERAL BUDGET TO FUND PROGRAMS
11 IMPORTANT TO ARKANSAS FAMILIES.

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19 WHEREAS, Arkansas is a low-income rural state and therefore many of its
20 2.5 million citizens depend on federally funded programs for assistance; and

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22 WHEREAS, Arkansas is predominately an agriculture-oriented economy and
23 utilizes federal farm subsidies to the fullest extent possible; and

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25 WHEREAS, over 341,000 children, nearly one-half of the children in the
26 state, depend on Medicaid for their health insurance coverage; and

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28 WHEREAS, 146,515 households in Arkansas maintain food security through
29 the use of the federal Food Stamp Program; and

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31 WHEREAS, approximately 11,000 of Arkansas' children access quality pre-
32 kindergarten through the Headstart Program; and

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34 WHEREAS, 63,299 children and 24,142 pregnant women in the state
35 currently utilize the Women, Infant and Children Program for infant formula
36 and food; and



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WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has set a high standard of educational adequacy for public school students and has implemented tax increases to fund those standards; and

WHEREAS, many cities in the state depend on federal programs to improve the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas utilizes federal dollars to develop workforce education programs that in turn increase the state's capacity to group its economy,

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

THAT the Arkansas Senate urges the Arkansas congressional delegation and President Bush to support a federal budget that provides adequate funding for critical federal programs serving the citizens of the State of Arkansas this upcoming budget year and in future years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.