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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO COMMEMORATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE
10 OF THE BULGE DURING WORLD WAR II.

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12 **Subtitle**

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18 WHEREAS, Allied forces rebuffed the German Army's final great counter
19 offensive of World War II during the battle which became known as the Battle
20 of the Bulge, beginning in the Belgian Ardennes Forest on December 16, 1944,
21 and ending on January 28, 1945; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Battle of the Bulge was the largest land battle of World
24 War II in which the United States participated; and

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26 WHEREAS, over a million men fought in the battle including 600,000
27 Germans, 500,000 Americans, and 55,000 British; and

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29 WHEREAS, during the height of the battle and while surrounded by German
30 forces with superior numbers of soldiers and weapons, the sacrifices and
31 heroic acts of American soldiers became legendary; and

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33 WHEREAS, the American 101st Airborne Division was able to hold the
34 strategic location of Bastogne against the German Army during a six-day siege
35 of the town, rejecting the German demand to surrender with the reply "Aw,
36 nuts"; and



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WHEREAS, the December 17, 1944, Malmedy Massacre at the Baugnez Crossroads, where 86 prisoners of war were massacred by Waffen-SS soldiers, was the worst atrocity committed against American troops during the course of the war in Europe; and

WHEREAS, American forces suffered 81,000 casualties, including 19,000 killed, but still managed to repulse the German surprise attack that never amounted to more than a bulge in the Allied lines; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commemorate the bravery and sacrifices of United States soldiers during this historic battle,

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

THAT the Arkansas Senate honors the soldiers of the United States Armed Forces for their bravery and sacrifice during the Battle of the Bulge.