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## 8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 HONORING THE CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JIM  
10 PLEDGER UPON HIS RETIREMENT.  
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### 12 **Subtitle**

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14 JIM PLEDGER UPON HIS RETIREMENT.  
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17 WHEREAS, Jim Pledger has announced that he will retire in April 2005  
18 after eleven (11) years as President and General Manager of the Arkansas  
19 State Fair and Livestock Show and a career of service to the people of the  
20 State of Arkansas; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Jim is a graduate of Arkansas Tech University; and  
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24 WHEREAS, in 1961, Jim was elected Yell County Treasurer, a position in  
25 which he served until 1987, when he left to become a liaison to the General  
26 Assembly for Governor Bill Clinton; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Jim then served five (5) years as Director of the Department  
29 of Finance and Administration before accepting his position with the Arkansas  
30 State Fair and Livestock Show; and  
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32 WHEREAS, in his own words, Jim entered state government with the  
33 "thought of being able to help someone and make this a better place to live  
34 and work"; and  
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36 WHEREAS, Jim has continued to benefit the people of this state by his



1 association with the Arkansas State Fair, which has become more family-  
2 oriented under his supervision and is rated as one of North America's top  
3 fairs; and  
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5 WHEREAS, throughout his career, regardless of his occupation, Jim has  
6 earned recognition for his honesty and trustworthiness, values which were  
7 passed to him by his father and his teachers; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Jim's character is well stated by Richard Weiss, his successor  
10 as Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, who stated that  
11 Jim is "as honorable and upright and straightforward of a man as you'll ever  
12 meet"; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Little Rock District Judge David Stewart shares those  
15 opinions, stating that Jim has "never shaded the truth" and "was always very  
16 upfront, and you could trust anything he told you"; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Jim plans to use his retirement to spend time with his wife,  
19 Geneva, and his grandchildren,  
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21 NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
23 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 That the Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly congratulates Jim  
26 Pledger upon his retirement, commends him for his long and distinguished  
27 career of service to the people of the State of Arkansas, and wishes him all  
28 the best in his future endeavors.  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate deliver a copy  
31 of this resolution to Jim Pledger.  
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