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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 CONGRATULATING R.H. "DICK" BATSON, A LIFELONG
10 DEMOCRAT AND RESIDENT OF ARKADELPHIA, ON HIS
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20 WHEREAS, R.H. "Dick" Batson has been a dedicated, community-minded and
21 lifelong citizen and resident of Arkadelphia, Clark County, the State of
22 Arkansas, and the United States of America; and
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24 WHEREAS, Dick risked his life and served our country as a Staff
25 Sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and served in the
26 Battle of the Bulge and battles in Andennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe
27 with the First Infantry Division (Big Red One), Company G, 16th Infantry; and
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29 WHEREAS, Dick was awarded numerous honors for his military service,
30 including the Bronze Star, EAME Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the
31 Combat Infantry Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Occupation Ribbon,
32 and the Germany Victory Ribbon; and
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34 WHEREAS, upon return to Arkansas, Dick worked at South Central Electric
35 Cooperative, where he worked forty-four (44) years before retiring and served
36 as the assistant fire chief of the Arkadelphia Volunteer Fire Department and



1 was with the department for thirty (30) years; and

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3 WHEREAS, Dick has served as a member of the Central Arkansas
4 Development Council Board, as a trustee of Davidson Campground and the Clark
5 County Fair Board, and as the scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 24; and

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7 WHEREAS, Dick and his wife, the former Carolyn Arnold, are members of
8 the Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, proud parents of three (3)
9 sons, Mark, Ross, and Blake, the proud grandparents of four (4) grandsons and
10 one (1) granddaughter, and the proud great-grandparents of one (1) great-
11 grandson; and

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13 WHEREAS, the time has come when, after serving on the Arkadelphia City
14 Board of Directors for four (4) years and serving on the Clark County Quorum
15 Court for forty-six (46) years, that Dick has chosen to not seek reelection
16 and retire from public service,

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18 NOW THEREFORE,
19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 THAT the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly
23 of the State of Arkansas joins with all of his friends and family to thank
24 R.H. "Dick" Batson for being an outstanding citizen of Arkadelphia and the
25 State of Arkansas and to congratulate him on a long, happy, and well-earned
26 retirement.

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the upon adoption of this resolution, the
29 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall provide a copy of this
30 resolution to R.H. "Dick" Batson.