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5 By: Senators Hill, Argue, Bisbee, Wooldridge, Critcher, Miller, Whitaker, Trusty, Baker, Malone, J.  
6 Jeffress, T. Smith, Wilkinson, Bryles, Wilkins, Horn, Faris, B. Johnson, Hendren, Broadway,  
7 Higginbothom, Womack, Luker, Altes, Madison, Steele, G. Jeffress, Brown, Salmon, Lavery, Holt,  
8 Capps, Glover, J. Taylor

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11 **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**  
12 **RESOLUTION**

13 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JIM PLEDGER AND IN  
14 RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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17 **Subtitle**

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24 WHEREAS, Mr. James ("Jim") C. Pledger, of Danville, Arkansas, died on  
25 March 30, 2006, at the age of sixty-eight (68) years; and

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27 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger was born on August 11, 1937, in Russellville,  
28 Arkansas, the son of Faye and Raymond Pledger; and graduated from Danville  
29 High School and Arkansas Tech University, later serving on the boards of both  
30 schools, including terms as board president; and

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32 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger was elected Yell County Treasurer in 1961, a  
33 position he held in 1987, when he left to become a legislative liaison to the  
34 General Assembly for Governor Bill Clinton; and

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36 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger then served five (5) years as Director of the



1 Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration before accepting a position  
2 with the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show; and

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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger served eleven (11) years as President and General  
5 Manager of the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show, retiring in April  
6 2005; and

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8 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger served as president of the County Treasurers  
9 Association, the Association of Arkansas Counties, and the Arkansas Fair  
10 Managers Association; served as a board member of the International  
11 Association of Fairs and Expositions; and worked in county and state  
12 government for about forty (40) years of his life; and

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14 WHEREAS, because of his dedication and successful stewardship of the  
15 fair and livestock show, Mr. Pledger was inducted into the Arkansas  
16 Agriculture Hall of Fame in March 2006; and

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18 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger was always known for his honesty, trustworthiness,  
19 wisdom, calm strength, and good sense, values passed to him by his father and  
20 his teachers; and

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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger's character was stated well by Mr. Richard Weiss,  
23 his successor as Director of the Department of Finance and Administration,  
24 who stated that Mr. Pledger was "as honorable and upright and straightforward  
25 of a man as you'll ever meet"; and

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27 WHEREAS, Mr. Pledger is survived by his wife, Geneva, two (2)  
28 daughters, and two (2) grandsons; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly wishes to  
31 publicly recognize Mr. Pledger's many contributions to the State of Arkansas  
32 and his local community,

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

1            THAT the Senate recognizes Mr. Jim Pledger's commitment, hard work,  
2 dedication, and years of service to the State of Arkansas and his local  
3 community, and commends him for his leadership.

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby  
6 express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Pledger, and upon adoption  
7 of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of  
8 Mr. Pledger by the Senate.

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