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5 By: Senators Capps, Hill, Argue, Bisbee, Wooldridge, Critcher, Miller, Whitaker, Trusty, Baker, Malone,  
6 J. 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 Glover, J. Taylor

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11 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

12 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF SENATOR JERRY BOOKOUT AND  
13 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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16 **Subtitle**

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19 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS  
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23 WHEREAS, Senator Jerry Bookout of Jonesboro, Arkansas, died on  
24 Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at the age of seventy-two (72) years; and

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26 WHEREAS, Senator Bookout was born in Rector, Arkansas, in 1933;  
27 graduated from Arkansas State College in Jonesboro; operated a family-owned  
28 funeral home in Jonesboro during his career; served in the National Guard for  
29 30 years, retiring with the rank of colonel; and received the United States  
30 Legion of Merit Award; and

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32 WHEREAS, Senator Bookout was a long-time state legislator, representing  
33 Jonesboro in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Senate for a  
34 combined thirty-four (34) years; and

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36 WHEREAS, Senator Bookout, a Democrat, was first elected to the House of



1 Representatives in 1966 and to the Senate in 1972; served as president pro  
2 tempore of the Senate in 1991; retired from the Senate in 1997; and returned  
3 to the Senate in 2003; and

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5 WHEREAS, Senator Bookout sponsored laws concerning public health,  
6 education, prisons, and the military, but will be most remembered for his  
7 undying support of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro; and

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9 WHEREAS, Senator Bookout sponsored legislation in 1967 that changed  
10 Arkansas State from a college to a university; helped establish the first  
11 doctoral and physical therapy programs at the university; and was recognized  
12 in 1997 by the university as a distinguished alumnus and as the namesake for  
13 the school's south portal, "Bookout Plaza"; and

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15 WHEREAS, Senator Bookout was remembered by Attorney General Mike Beebe,  
16 who served with him in the Senate, as a "calming influence who tried to find  
17 reason and logic in bringing people together"; and

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19 WHEREAS, Senator Bookout is survived by his wife, Loretta; a son, Paul  
20 Bookout; a daughter, Jill Rogers; and three (3) grandchildren; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State  
23 of Arkansas recognizes Senator Jerry Bookout's commitment, hard work,  
24 dedication, and years of service, and expresses sincere condolences to the  
25 family of Senator Bookout,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
29 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 THAT the Senate recognizes Senator Jerry Bookout's commitment, hard  
32 work, dedication, and years of service to the State of Arkansas and commends  
33 him for his leadership.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby  
36 express sincere condolences to the members of Senator Bookout's family, and

1 upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to  
2 the family by the Secretary of the Senate.

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