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5 By: Representatives Pennartz, Glidewell, Medley, *Breedlove*  
6 By: Senators Wilkinson, Altes

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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23 WHEREAS, the Honorable Circuit Judge Robert Norman Wilkinson was born  
24 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on May 30, 1955, to Means and Betty Forbus  
25 Wilkinson; and

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27 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson attended Greenwood public schools and  
28 graduated from high school in May 1973; and attended the University of  
29 Arkansas at Fayetteville for his undergraduate degree and his law degree,  
30 graduating in 1977 and 1980 respectively; and

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32 WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson began his career as a teller and bookkeeper at  
33 Farmers Bank of Greenwood, Arkansas, eventually working his way up to General  
34 Counsel; became a bank director in 1992; served on the bank's Liability  
35 Management and Trust Committees; and served as Chair of the bank's Audit  
36 Committee; and



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WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson was admitted to practice law in Arkansas in 1980; organized a private law firm in 1980; engaged in the practice of law from 1980 until 1996; and is also a certified public accountant; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson was elected circuit/chancery judge in 1996, serving Sebastian County, and retired in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson is a past Master of Sebastian Lodge in Fort Smith, Arkansas; past president of the Downtown Sertoma Club in Fort Smith, Arkansas; member of the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce; member of the Fort Smith Boys Club Alumni Association; a former member of the Fort Smith Art Center; and a member of the Goddard United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson is a member of the Sebastian County Bar Association; a member of the Arkansas Bar Association; a member of the American Bar Association; and a member of the American Judges Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson is professionally involved in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Western Arkansas Estate Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson has served with distinction as an attorney and a judge during his career and is admired by attorneys and litigants alike; and has served his community and the State of Arkansas with tireless dedication; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilkinson has three (3) children, Christine Marie, Jeffery Norman, and Jenny Catherine; and five (5) grandchildren, Callie Casey, Cooper, Haley, and Raymond,

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

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THAT the House of Representatives commends the Honorable Circuit Judge Robert Norman Wilkinson on his dedicated and distinguished service as a judge for Sebastian County and wishes him well upon his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to Judge Wilkinson by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

*/s/ Pennartz, et al*