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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE FOR ITS  
10 STATE-WIDE PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC  
11 HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
12 LIVING IN RURAL ARKANSAS.  
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15 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE  
16 FOR ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO  
17 ARKANSAS' SENIOR CITIZENS.  
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21 WHEREAS, the Eighty-Third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas  
22 provided money from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to create the  
23 Arkansas Aging Initiative; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, a program of the Donald W.  
26 Reynolds Institute on Aging, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,  
27 formed partnerships with local and regional hospitals, Area Health Education  
28 Centers, Area Agency on Aging, the Division of Adult and Aging Services of  
29 the Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, local  
30 communities, and colleges and universities; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, using these partnerships,  
33 established Comprehensive Regional Centers on Aging: Delta Center on Aging  
34 (West Memphis), South Arkansas Center on Aging (El Dorado), West Central  
35 Arkansas Center on Aging (Fort Smith), Center on Aging -- North East  
36 (Jonesboro), South Central Center on Aging (Pine Bluff), Schmieding Center



1 for Senior Health and Education (Springdale) and Texarkana Regional Center on  
2 Aging (Texarkana), to deliver specialized interdisciplinary geriatric  
3 healthcare and education programs to senior citizens residing in rural  
4 Arkansas; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative is working with community  
7 leaders in Hot Springs and Mountain Home to support community leaders'  
8 efforts to establish and support Comprehensive Centers on Aging; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative continues to implement its  
11 Master Plans to provide specialized interdisciplinary geriatric healthcare  
12 and education programs through a network of Comprehensive Regional Centers on  
13 Aging with an eventual goal of being within sixty (60) miles of every  
14 Arkansas senior,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 That the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas  
21 recognizes and commends Dr. Claudia Beverly and the Arkansas Aging Initiative  
22 Leadership Team for their efforts in designing, implementing, and operating  
23 the comprehensive program of specialized geriatric health services for our  
24 senior citizens and their families.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly of the  
27 State of Arkansas commends the participating hospital administrators,  
28 geriatricians, nurses and other members of the health professional teams  
29 working in these rural areas for their commitment and devotion to improving  
30 the quality of life for older Arkansans and their families.

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