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5 By: Senator Madison  
6 By: Representatives Edwards, L. Smith, House

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**  
10 **RESOLUTION**

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12 HER SERVICE TO THE GREAT STATE OF ARKANSAS; IN  
13 RECOGNITION OF THE BRITTANEY ANN FOUNDATION: AND  
14 TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN ON  
15 SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO DRIVING.

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26 WHEREAS, Brittaney Ann Allen of Springdale, Arkansas was tragically  
27 killed in a car accident on October 11, 2006, at the age of seventeen (17),  
28 only shortly before her eighteenth birthday; and

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30 WHEREAS, Brittaney lost control of her vehicle on wet pavement, which  
31 resulted in the vehicle overturning and ejecting her through the driver's  
32 door, throwing her more than one hundred eighty feet (180'); and

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34 WHEREAS, her loss is even more tragic because her family and friends  
35 believe that she may be alive today if she would have used her seatbelt and  
36 otherwise driven more safely on that dark and rainy night; and



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2           WHEREAS, in her short life, Brittaney touched the lives of so many by  
3 giving them hope, encouragement, and support, which is likely attributable to  
4 the young age at which Brittaney developed an interest in helping people and  
5 the vast array of activities in which she participated, including most  
6 recently the youth movement of Rolling Hill Baptist Church in Fayetteville,  
7 Arkansas; the Law and Public Safety Academy at Springdale High School;  
8 Student Government; and the National Conference of Community and Justice, a  
9 diversity group for young teens; and

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11           WHEREAS, Brittaney comes from a family that has been dedicated to  
12 public service and participation in Democrat party politics, and Brittaney  
13 wanted to continue her family's legacy of helping people through public  
14 service by following in her grandmother's footsteps, former state  
15 Representative Jan Judy, by becoming a member of the Arkansas General  
16 Assembly, and even to become the first woman President of the United States;  
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19           WHEREAS, Brittaney paged in the Arkansas General Assembly serving under  
20 Senator Sue Madison, Representative Marilyn Edwards, and Representative Jan  
21 Judy, and the experiences were positive and reassuring of her choice to one  
22 day seek election to a public office; and

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24           WHEREAS, after Brittaney's sudden death that caused her to leave this  
25 earth far too early and at far too young of an age, Brittaney's family and  
26 friends established the Brittaney Ann Foundation to educate teens and young  
27 adults on how to temper their feelings of invincibility by using Brittaney's  
28 story coupled with the message that driver safety awareness and using  
29 seatbelts could save their lives or the lives of someone that they love; and

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31           WHEREAS, the Brittaney Ann Foundation provides information to parents,  
32 teens, and young adults concerning how to implement safe driving practices,  
33 but most importantly, the Brittaney Ann Foundation's mission is for  
34 Brittaney's story to help prevent the death or injury of other teens and  
35 young adults by encouraging them to take responsibility for their safety so  
36 that Brittaney's legacy of helping people will continue to live on; and

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WHEREAS, Brittaney also gave the gift of life in another way, she was an organ donor and will live on through the generous donation of all that remains of her on earth so that others can continue to live and will also continue to live in the memories and hearts of her family and friends, with their fondest memories of her smiling face, saying "Hey Guys",

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

THAT the Senate and the House of Representatives recognize Brittaney Ann Allen and the Brittaney Ann Foundation and encourage the parents of teens and young adults to make sure their children are properly educated and trained on real life driving situations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual members of the Senate and House hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Brittaney Ann Allen, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of Brittaney Ann Allen by the Chief Clerk of the Senate.