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5 By: Senator Wilkinson
6 By: Representatives Breedlove, Walters

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING THE CHARLES E. OSBORN AGENCY, INC., OF
11 GREENWOOD, ARKANSAS, ON CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED
12 (100) YEARS IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 INC., OF GREENWOOD, ARKANSAS, ON
17 CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS IN
18 THE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

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21 WHEREAS, much has changed in Greenwood, Arkansas, since Charles E.
22 Osborn started his real estate and insurance business in 1907; Greenwood and
23 the Charles E. Osborn Agency have experienced a Main Street fire, a tornado,
24 the Great Depression, many wars, and generations of growth; and Mr. Osborn
25 probably did not envision that his business would be providing insurance
26 services one hundred (100) years later for such an exciting and growing town;
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29 WHEREAS, records indicate the first office was located on an upper
30 floor of a building on the north side of Greenwood's square, and according to
31 a newspaper article in 1922, the Charles E. Osborn Agency was located above
32 the Farmers Bank when a fire destroyed the building causing Mr. Osborn's safe
33 to fall through the burning floor and land directly on top of the Farmers
34 Bank vault; and

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36 WHEREAS, in 1968, when a tornado tore though Greenwood's downtown, the



1 agency's office was destroyed and the insurance business was temporarily
2 operated out of the Bell Home; being the principal insurance agency in town,
3 the Charles E. Osborn Agency was instrumental in the re-building of Greenwood
4 after the storm; and the business later moved to the present location at #8
5 Townsquare; and

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7 WHEREAS, the agency has continued in Mr. Osborn's family, first with
8 his son-in-law and daughter, Henry and Jewell Bell; and after World War II,
9 the Bells' son, Charles Osborn (C.O.) Bell, returned to Greenwood, Arkansas,
10 to work in the agency; and

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12 WHEREAS, C.O. Bell and his wife, Joyce, operated the insurance agency
13 as the third generation; C.O. Bell died in 1969 and his daughter, Cinda,
14 joined her mother at the agency; and the business was incorporated in 1971
15 and continues to be owned and operated by Cinda Bell, the fourth generation
16 to run the agency; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Charles E. Osborn Agency, Inc., is a business with its
19 roots and heart in the past and future of Greenwood, Arkansas,

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

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25 THAT the Senate congratulates the Charles E. Osborn Agency, Inc., of
26 Greenwood, Arkansas, on its centennial and recognizes the agency's commitment
27 to the community.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an
30 appropriate copy shall be provided to the Charles E. Osborn Agency, Inc., by
31 the Secretary of the Senate.