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5 By: Senator Laverty
6 By: Representative Edwards

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO SHOW THAT THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 ENDORSES A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF ELEMENTARY
12 SCIENCE EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 ELEMENTARY SCIENCE EDUCATION VISION FOR
16 ARKANSAS.

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19 WHEREAS, the vision for Arkansas elementary science education is one in
20 which children will be encouraged to develop their natural curiosity about
21 their surroundings and where they are given the opportunity and appropriate
22 materials to develop science literacy; and

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24 WHEREAS, studies have shown that students lose their interest in
25 science and technology during their elementary school years; and

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27 WHEREAS, this puts students, the state, and the nation at a competitive
28 disadvantage in today's world; and

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30 WHEREAS, if resources are supplied in future years to bring the above
31 vision to reality, the science literacy of the citizens of Arkansas will
32 increase as will their socioeconomic status,

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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
36 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:



1 THAT in the future Arkansas will provide the following for the children
2 of Arkansas:

3 (a) Staff with degrees specifically designed for teaching elementary
4 science;

5 (b) Salaries for elementary science specialists that are comparable to
6 those received by scientists in the private sector;

7 (c) Schedules that allow manageable groups of students to come to
8 science rooms that are well-equipped for doing science;

9 (d) Hands-on experiences;

10 (e) Nature studies and other types of field trips; and

11 (f) An annual budget that allows elementary schools to replenish and
12 purchase necessary items for varied science experiences.

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