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5 By: Senator Lavery
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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING MR. CHARLES L. ROBINSON AND IN
10 RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
11 ARKANSAS AND THE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT.
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13 **Subtitle**

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15 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
16 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND THE DIVISION
17 OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT.
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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles L. Robinson has served since 1973 in the Division
21 of Legislative Audit; served as the Administrator, Audit Supervisor, and
22 Field Auditor for the division from January 1973 until December 1977; served
23 as Assistant Legislative Auditor from January 1978 until June 1979; and in
24 July 1979 was named the Arkansas Legislative Auditor; and
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's key accomplishments in twenty-seven (27) years
27 as Arkansas Legislative Auditor include:

28 (a) Promoted the professionalism of the staff, resulting in an
29 increase of Certified Public Accountants from twenty-three percent (23%) to
30 sixty-four percent (64%) of the division's audit staff;

31 (b) Encouraged staff membership, participation, and leadership in
32 various state, regional, and national organizations including the American
33 Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Arkansas Society of Certified
34 Public Accountants, the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum, the National
35 Conference of State Legislatures, and the National Legislative Program
36 Evaluation Society;



1 (c) Increased staff productivity and efficiency by emphasizing
2 coordination and communication, providing advanced technology tools and
3 training, and locating employees to minimize travel time and associated costs
4 resulting in the more timely issuance of audit reports;

5 (d) Reallocated human resources to provide for expanded division
6 services, including performance audits, special reports, and investigative
7 reports to provide information to improve public accountability and
8 facilitate the legislative decision-making processes, therefore was able to
9 expand services without significant increases in staffing;

10 (e) Encouraged and assisted the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee
11 in sponsoring key legislation to improve internal controls, accounting,
12 procedures, records management, and ensure compliance with fiscal management
13 for the state and its political subdivisions; such legislation included the
14 creation of a Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program for state and local
15 governmental entity officials and employees, a uniform comprehensive county
16 financial management system, and a uniform accounting system for counties,
17 municipalities, and district courts;

18 (f) Enhanced communication with members of the General Assembly and
19 the general public by establishing a division website where over eight
20 hundred (800) reports issued annually are available for reference and public
21 inspection; and

22 (g) Directed the audit of the state's Comprehensive Annual Financial
23 Report (CAFR) for 2005 and 2006 and the statewide federal compliance audit
24 since 2002; and
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson served as a Staff Accountant for KPMG Peat
27 Marwick in Little Rock, Arkansas, from July 1968 until May 1970; joined the
28 University of Arkansas as an accounting instructor in June 1970 and taught
29 until December 1972; and then the State of Arkansas was fortunate enough that
30 Mr. Robinson chose to join the Division of Legislative Audit; and
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32 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson received his Bachelor of Science degree in
33 Accounting from Arkansas Tech University in 1968 before going on to earn a
34 Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas in
35 1971; and
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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson is a Certified Public Accountant, having passed
2 the exam in 1970, and became a Certified Fraud Examiner in 1991; and is a
3 member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the
4 Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Arkansas Society of Certified
5 Public Accountants, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the
6 Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum,

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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12 THAT the Senate commends Mr. Charles L. Robinson for his leadership and
13 recognizes his contributions to the State of Arkansas and the Division of
14 Legislative Audit.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an
17 appropriate copy shall be provided to Mr. Robinson by the Secretary of the
18 Senate.