

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
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5 By: Senators T. Smith, Faris

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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 IN HONOR OF THE LATE Q. BYRUM HURST SR., A HOT  
10 SPRINGS NATIVE AND ONE OF ARKANSAS' BEST KNOWN  
11 POLITICAL FIGURES.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 A HOT SPRINGS NATIVE AND ONE OF  
16 ARKANSAS' BEST KNOWN POLITICAL FIGURES.

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19 WHEREAS, Q. Byrum Hurst Sr. was a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and  
20 strived to help others in both his public and professional career; and

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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was a product of Hot Springs public schools and  
23 tirelessly advocated for Hot Springs as "the place to live and raise your  
24 family"; and

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst entered the U.S. Army in 1943 and served until the  
27 end of World War II; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst first entered public service upon his return from  
30 World War II and was elected Garland County judge in 1947; and

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32 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was elected State Senator in 1950 and served twenty-  
33 two (22) consecutive years in that body; and

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35 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Senate, Mr. Hurst served on almost  
36 every committee in the Senate and was the chair of several committees,



1 including the Legislative Audit Committee; and

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3 WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Hurst was elected President Pro Tempore of the  
4 Senate and served as acting governor on many occasions in the absence of  
5 Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and Lieutenant Governor Maurice Britt; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 1941, Mr. Hurst became one of the youngest men ever to have  
8 been licensed to practice law in Arkansas and his legal career took him to  
9 every county in Arkansas and throughout the United States; and

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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was active in the Hot Springs Junior Chamber of  
12 Commerce and was elected to the State Board of Governors; and

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14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was also elected secretary of the state's Optimist  
15 International Club; and

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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was a long-time supporter of the Boy Scouts and  
18 served as scoutmaster of a local troop; and

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was a lifelong active member of the First Church of  
21 God and served for many years as the Sunday School superintendent of the  
22 Oaklawn Church; and

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24 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was a devoted husband and father, a skilled  
25 attorney, a respected legislator, and a relentless advocate for his home town  
26 of Hot Springs and his state,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,  
29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
30 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 THAT the Senate and the citizens of Arkansas express their profound  
33 gratitude to Q. Byrum Hurst Sr. for his countless contributions to his city  
34 and his state and express sincere condolences to his family.

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution a copy of

1 this resolution shall be delivered to the family of Q. Byrum Hurst Sr. by the  
2 Secretary of the Senate.

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