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5 By: Senator Brown
6 By: Representative W. Lewellen

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9 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

10 ENCOURAGING HEALTH PROVIDERS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS,
11 SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, SOCIAL WORKERS,
12 AND CHURCHES TO MAKE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF
13 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND THEIR CHILDREN A
14 PRIORITY.

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16 **Subtitle**

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25 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious problem in Arkansas; and

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27 WHEREAS, Arkansas has had an increase in domestic homicides and twenty-
28 six (26) females were murdered in 2005 alone; and

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30 WHEREAS, in the past ten (10) years, Arkansas has ranked on average
31 ninth nationally for domestic homicides per capita; and

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33 WHEREAS, Arkansas has ranked as high as third for a two-year period and
34 first for deaths of African-American women; and

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36 WHEREAS, employees and volunteers of health providers, police



1 departments, sheriffs' departments, schools, social workers, and churches
2 have interaction with domestic violence victims and their families,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
6 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate recognizes the problems in Arkansas surrounding
9 domestic violence and encourages each and every health provider, police
10 department, sheriff's department, school, social worker, and church to make
11 the safety and well-being of domestic violence victims and their children a
12 priority by utilizing the training resources of the Arkansas Coalition
13 Against Domestic Violence.

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an
16 appropriate copy shall be provided to Jayne Ann Kita, Executive Director of
17 the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence, by the Secretary of the
18 Senate.