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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 HONORING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND 2006
10 SEASON OF ARKANSAS RAZORBACK DARREN MCFADDEN.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 HONORING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS
14 AND 2006 SEASON OF ARKANSAS RAZORBACK
15 DARREN MCFADDEN.

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18 WHEREAS, Darren McFadden, the starting tailback for the University of
19 Arkansas Razorbacks and one (1) of the premier players in the nation, won the
20 2006 Doak Walker Award, presented annually to the top running back in the
21 nation, becoming the first Razorback to win the award; and

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23 WHEREAS, McFadden finished second in the voting for the coveted
24 Heisman Trophy awarded to the nation's top college football player, the only
25 Heisman Trophy finalist in school history and only Razorback player to finish
26 in the top eight (8) for the award; and

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28 WHEREAS, McFadden was a consensus first-team All-America selection by
29 the Associated Press, the American Football Coaches Association, CBS
30 Sportsline.com, SI.com, the Walter Camp Foundation, Rivals.com, and the
31 Football Writers Association of America; and

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33 WHEREAS, McFadden was named as the unanimous Southeastern Conference
34 Offensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press, SEC Coaches, the Little
35 Rock Touchdown Club, and the Mobile Register; and

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1 WHEREAS, McFadden was named the Jim Brown National Running Back
2 of the Year by The Touchdown Club of Columbus, Ohio, and the SEC Running Back
3 of the Year by the Birmingham Monday Morning Quarterback Club; and
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5 WHEREAS, McFadden is one (1) of only two (2) running backs in the
6 history of the Southeastern Conference to rush for more than one thousand
7 yards in his freshman and sophomore seasons; and
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9 WHEREAS, McFadden set school season records for rushing yards (1,647),
10 the fifth-best rushing season in SEC history, and all-purpose yards (2,058),
11 en route to leading the Razorbacks to a 10-4 record, including a ten-game
12 winning streak, a 7-1 SEC record, and an SEC Western Division title; and
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14 WHEREAS, McFadden rushed for one hundred (100) yards or more seven (7)
15 times, tying the 2003 single season record held by Cedrick Cobbs, including
16 his first 200-yard effort against the South Carolina Gamecocks with 219 yards
17 on the ground; and
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19 WHEREAS, McFadden has twelve (12) 100-yard rushing games in his 25-
20 game collegiate career, placing him third on the University of Arkansas
21 career chart; and
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23 WHEREAS, McFadden recorded three (3) of the SEC's top four (4)
24 individual rushing games this past season, including the top two (2) efforts,
25 219 yards against South Carolina and 184 yards against Utah State; and
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27 WHEREAS, McFadden was second in the SEC and 26th in the nation with
28 7.54 points per game and earned a rushing touchdown in nine (9) of fourteen
29 (14) games in 2006; and
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31 WHEREAS, McFadden recorded a career-long 80-yard touchdown run against
32 the 9th-ranked LSU Tigers, scampered 72 yards for a touchdown against Utah
33 State, had a 63-yard run against the 2nd-ranked Auburn Tigers and a 52-yard
34 run against Southeast Missouri State, and scored on a 70-yard screen pass
35 against Ole Miss and a 43-yard jaunt at South Carolina; and
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1 WHEREAS, McFadden was named the USA Today National Player of the Week
2 after rushing for 145 yards and a touchdown in the Razorbacks' upset of the
3 2nd-ranked Auburn Tigers, was the USA Today National Player of the Week a
4 second time after rushing for 181 yards and two (2) touchdowns and passing
5 for a touchdown in a win over the thirteen-ranked Tennessee Volunteers, and
6 earned Cingular All-America Player of the Week honors following his 219-yard
7 effort against the South Carolina Gamecocks; and

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9 WHEREAS, McFadden became just the twelfth player in school history to
10 rush for 2,000 yards in his career, is the first sophomore to accomplish the
11 feat, reached the 2000-yard barrier on just 324 carries averaging roughly 6.2
12 yards per carry, and is just the third Arkansas Razorback running back to
13 produce back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly of the State of
20 Arkansas takes great pride in honoring the outstanding achievements and 2006
21 season of Razorback Darren McFadden and wishes him the very best in all of
22 his future endeavors.