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5 By: Senators Steele, Altes, Argue, Baker, Bisbee, Bookout, Broadway, Brown, Bryles, Capps, Critcher,
6 Crumbly, Faris, Glover, Hendren, Hill, Horn, J. Jeffress, G. Jeffress, B. Johnson, Lavery, Luker,
7 Madison, Malone, Miller, B. Pritchard, Salmon, T. Smith, J. Taylor, R. Thompson, Trusty, Whitaker,
8 Wilkins, Wilkinson, Womack

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11 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

12 HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF
13 SENATOR JACK CRITCHER.

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15 **Subtitle**

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17 SERVICE OF SENATOR JACK CRITCHER.

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20 WHEREAS, Senate Majority Leader, Tracy Steele, Senate Minority Leader,
21 Denny Altes, and all other members of the Senate wish to honor the Senate
22 President Pro Tempore of the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly, Jack Critcher,
23 for his exemplary service to the General Assembly and the State of Arkansas;
24 and

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26 WHEREAS, Senator Jack Critcher is completing his fifth regular session
27 in the Arkansas Senate, having provided representation in the Senate for
28 District 12, comprised of Jackson County and parts of Cleburne, Independence,
29 and White Counties, since 1999; and

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31 WHEREAS, Senator Critcher served in the House of Representatives from
32 1995 through 1998; and

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34 WHEREAS, prior to his years of service in the General Assembly,
35 Senator Critcher served on the Grubbs City Council from 1979-1982, the Grubbs
36 School Board from 1987-1991, and as Mayor of Grubbs from 1991-1994; and



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2 WHEREAS, Senator Critcher is a native of Batesville, Independence
3 County, Arkansas, is a graduate of Grubbs High School, and attended Arkansas
4 State University-Beebe; and

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6 WHEREAS, Senator Critcher resides in Batesville with his wife, Vickie,
7 and fourteen-year-old son, Jacob, and has two (2) daughters, Jaclyn Goldman,
8 age 28, and Danica Smith, age 24; and

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10 WHEREAS, a deeply religious man, Senator Critcher has supported
11 several measures in line with his faith, including the Covenant Marriage Act,
12 a bill to regulate the teaching of evolution, and a bill to require that
13 women wait at least twenty-four (24) hours before receiving an abortion; and
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15 WHEREAS, Senator Critcher was taught humility by his mother at an
16 early age; that he was no better than anyone else, but just as good as anyone
17 else, a philosophy he employed in representing his district, that "[t]he
18 people in [his] district are just as important, yet no more important than
19 the people in [other] districts"; and

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21 WHEREAS, Senator Critcher and his wife Vickie are actively involved in
22 community service, giving back to the community through their work at a local
23 drug and alcohol rehabilitation center; and

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25 WHEREAS, Senator Critcher, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public
26 Health, Welfare, and Labor since 2003 has been actively involved in social
27 service issues and has championed prison issues and drug issues,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
31 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT, the Senate of the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly of the State of
34 Arkansas honors the career and exemplary public service of Senator Jack
35 Critcher to the State of Arkansas and the General Assembly, and wishes him
36 the very best in all of his future endeavors.