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5 By: Senator Bryles
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING LEVON HELM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
10 ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIS REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE
11 OF ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, Levon Helm is a multi-generational Arkansas, having been born
19 in Philips County in 1940; and
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21 WHEREAS, Levon Helm has been involved in rock and roll nearly since the
22 genre's inception, playing with the likes of Madison County's Ronnie Hawkins,
23 Phillips County's Harold "Conway Twitty" Jenkins, Muddy Waters, and Bob
24 Dylan; and
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26 WHEREAS, Bob Dylan called Levon Helm "one of the true heroes of my
27 generation"; and
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29 WHEREAS, Levon Helm went on to acclaim as a member of the rock and roll
30 group The Band, releasing acclaimed recordings, performing at the Woodstock,
31 Isle of Wight, Watkins Glen, and Festival Express music festivals, and
32 appearing on the cover of Time Magazine; and
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34 WHEREAS, as the only American member of The Band, Levon Helm provided
35 the authentic southern American voice to songs such as "The Weight", "Up On
36 Cripple Creek", and "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down", among others; and



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WHEREAS, Levon Helm formed RCO records with his mentor, Hot Springs production and songwriting legend Henry Glover; and

WHEREAS, Levon Helm went on to further international acclaim as an actor in films such as "The Dollmaker", "Coal Miner's Daughter", and "The Right Stuff"; and

WHEREAS, Levon Helm has always represented and supported Arkansas in the highest and best manner,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

THAT the Senate of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly commends Levon Helm for his distinguished music career, thanks him for his outstanding representation of the State of Arkansas throughout the world, and wishes him continued success in his musical endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate deliver a copy of this resolution to Levon Helm.