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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE FOR ITS
10 STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC
11 HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
12 LIVING IN RURAL ARKANSAS.
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16 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE
17 FOR ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO
18 ARKANSAS' SENIOR CITIZENS.
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21 WHEREAS, the Eighty-Third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas
22 provided money from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to create the
23 Arkansas Aging Initiative, and
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25 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, a program of the Donald W.
26 Reynolds Institute on Aging, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,
27 formed partnerships with local and regional hospitals, area health education
28 centers, the Area Agency on Aging, the Division of Adult and Aging Services
29 of the Department of Health and Human Services, local communities, and
30 colleges and universities; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, using these partnerships,
33 established the following comprehensive regional centers on aging: Delta
34 Center on Aging (West Memphis), South Arkansas Center on Aging (El Dorado),
35 West Central Arkansas Center on Aging (Fort Smith), Center on Aging – North
36 East (Jonesboro), South Central Center on Aging (Pine Bluff), Schmieding



1 Center for Senior Health and Education (Springdale), and Texarkana Regional
2 Center on Aging (Texarkana), to deliver specialized interdisciplinary
3 geriatric health care and education programs to senior citizens residing in
4 rural Arkansas; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative is working with community
7 leaders in Hot Springs and Mountain Home to support community leaders'
8 efforts to establish and support comprehensive regional centers on aging; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative continues to implement its
11 master plans to provide specialized interdisciplinary geriatric health care
12 and education programs through a network of comprehensive regional centers on
13 aging with an eventual goal of being within sixty (60) miles of every
14 Arkansas senior citizen,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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20 THAT the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas
21 recognizes and commends Dr. Claudia Beverly and the Arkansas Aging Initiative
22 leadership team for their efforts in designing, implementing, and operating
23 the comprehensive program of specialized geriatric health services for our
24 senior citizens and their families.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly of the
27 State of Arkansas commends the participating hospital administrators,
28 geriatricians, nurses and other members of the health professional teams
29 working in these rural areas for their commitment and devotion to improving
30 the quality of life for older Arkansans and their families.

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