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HR 1014

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5 By: Representative Cheatham
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 CONGRATULATING BOBBY RICHARDSON FOR HIS SELECTION
10 AND INDUCTION INTO THE ARKANSAS SPORTS HALL OF
11 FAME, CLASS OF 2009.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 CONGRATULATING BOBBY RICHARDSON FOR HIS
15 SELECTION AND INDUCTION INTO THE
16 ARKANSAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF
17 2009.
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20 WHEREAS, Robert D. (“Bobby”) Richardson, one of the most successful
21 high school track and field coaches in the history of the State of Arkansas
22 and a mentor to his athletes, has been selected for induction into the
23 Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2009; and
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25 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson was born in Fordyce, Arkansas, on December
26 22, 1942, and was graduated from Fordyce High School in 1960 where he was a
27 two-year letterman in football and a three-year letterman in track and
28 basketball, an All-State selection in track, an honorable mention All-State
29 selection in football, and an All-District selection in basketball; and
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31 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson attended Arkansas State Teachers College
32 (now the University of Central Arkansas), was graduated with a Bachelor of
33 Science in Education degree in 1965, and received his Master’s Degree from
34 the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1966; and
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36 WHEREAS, As a college athlete Bobby Richardson was a four-year



1 letterman in track, a member of four (4) Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference
2 track championship teams, a one-time AIC 880 yard champion, a one-time AIC
3 cross country champion, the AIC mile record holder, an All-AIC selection
4 three (3) times, and dominated the mile run as the three-time AIC mile
5 champion; and

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7 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson’s coaching career began in Crossett,
8 Arkansas, during the 1966-1967 school year as a math teacher, an assistant
9 football coach under John Pierce, and an assistant track coach under Bill
10 Cook; and

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12 WHEREAS, Over four (4) decades between 1967 and 1994, Bobby
13 Richardson’s Crossett High School track and field teams won an amazing
14 eighteen (18) state track championships, including fourteen (14) out of
15 fifteen (15) from 1975-1989, and four (4) state cross country titles; and

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17 WHEREAS, On twelve (12) occasions Bobby Richardson was voted the
18 Arkansas Track Coach of the Year and was nominated for National Track Coach
19 of the Year; and

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21 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson was the recipient of the Lowell Manning
22 Award and the Curtis King Award and was inducted into the Ashley County Hall
23 of Fame in 1989, the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1995, the
24 Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004, the Dallas
25 County Hall of Fame in 2007, and the University of Central Arkansas Hall of
26 Fame in 2008; and

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28 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson credits his coaching success to his athletes
29 and whom he calls “two of the best coaches around”, Jimmy “Red” Parker, his
30 high school football and track coach, and Raymond Bright, his track coach at
31 the University of Central Arkansas; and

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33 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson and his wife, Sylvia (Tucker) Richardson
34 from Crossett married in 1965 and have two children, a son, Robert, and
35 daughter, Beth Ann, and two grandchildren, Laynie and Jones; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson is a member of the First Baptist Church of
2 Crossett where he teaches a men's Sunday School class and works with the
3 youth and children's ministry programs,
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5 NOW THEREFORE,
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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9 That Bobby Richardson be congratulated for his remarkable career as an
10 athlete and one of the most successful track and field coaches in the history
11 of the State of Arkansas, and for his selection and induction into the
12 Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.
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