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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
6 By: Representatives Cheatham, Moore

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING ASHLEY COUNTY AND ITS COMMUNITIES FOR
11 OBTAINING THE FIREWISE COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION
12 FROM THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 COMMENDING ASHLEY COUNTY AND ITS
16 COMMUNITIES FOR OBTAINING THE FIREWISE
17 COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION FROM THE
18 ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION.

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21 WHEREAS, The national Firewise Communities program is a multiagency
22 effort designed to reach beyond the fire service by involving homeowners,
23 community leaders, planners, developers, and others in the effort to protect
24 people, property, and natural resources from the risk of wildland fire before
25 a fire starts; and

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27 WHEREAS, The Firewise Communities approach emphasizes community
28 responsibility for planning in the design of a safe community as well as
29 effective emergency response, and individual responsibility for safer home
30 construction and design, landscaping, and maintenance; and

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32 WHEREAS, Firewise Communities is part of the National Wildland/Urban
33 Interface Fire Program, which is directed and sponsored by the Wildland/Urban
34 Interface Working Team (WUIWT) of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, a
35 consortium of wildland fire organizations and federal agencies responsible
36 for wildland fire management in the United States. The WUIWT includes: the



1 USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, USDI Bureau of Land
2 Management, USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, USDI National Park Service,
3 Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Fire Administration, International
4 Association of Fire Chiefs, National Association of State Fire Marshals,
5 National Association of State Foresters, National Emergency Management
6 Association, and National Fire Protection Association; and

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8 WHEREAS, as a result of the four thousand (4,000) acre wildfire that
9 threatened the city of Hamburg, Arkansas, the citizens of Ashley County have
10 worked diligently to mitigate wildfire damage; and

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12 WHEREAS, Ashley County has thirty-eight (38) Firewise Communities as
13 recognized by the Arkansas Forestry Commission,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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19 That, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Seventh
20 General Assembly commend Ashley County and its communities for obtaining the
21 Firewise Communities certification from the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

24 That upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be
25 provided to the fire departments in Berlin, Boydell, Cloverdale, Cooter,
26 Crossett, Crossroads, Dry Bayou, East Snyder, Empire, Extra, Fountain Hill,
27 Hamburg, Hollis Chapel, Keller Bend, Longview, Mapleville, Martinville, Milo,
28 Mist, Montrose, Mt. Pleasant, New Milo, North Crossett, Parkdale, Pine Hill,
29 Portland, Promiseland, Pugh, Shilo, Snyder, Springhill, Sunshine,
30 Tomerlinville, Trafalgar, Treswell, Unity-Frost Prairie, West Crossett, and
31 Wilmot by the Secretary of State.