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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

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10 EUGENE "BUD" CANADA AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Eugene "Bud" Canada of Hot Springs, Arkansas, died on
23 Monday, December 21, 2009, at the age of eighty-four (84) years; and
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25 WHEREAS, Mr. Canada served several terms as Garland County sheriff in
26 the late 1960s and early 1970s; served two (2) terms in the House of
27 Representatives from 1959 to 1962; and served as a Democratic state senator
28 from 1973 until 2000, leaving only due to term limits; and
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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Canada was known to all by his huge heart, his kindness,
31 and his personable, warm nature; and
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33 WHEREAS, Mr. Canada graduated from Hot Springs High School, where his
34 standout football career led to a scholarship at the University of Arkansas;
35 after joining the Razorbacks in 1945, he helped the team win a Southwest
36 Conference Title in 1947; played in the first bowl game the Razorbacks won,



1 in 1948; and briefly pursued a professional football career before being
2 drafted into the Army during the Korean War; and
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Canada was named a member of the Arkansas Sports Hall of
5 Fame and the University of Arkansas Hall of Honor for his stellar athletic
6 abilities, although his family said he was as proud of the youth football
7 teams he coached in Hot Springs as he was of those memberships; and
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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Canada's lengthy career of public service in the Arkansas
10 General Assembly is highlighted by his signature legislative efforts to
11 eliminate the state sales tax on groceries, especially during a time when the
12 issue was unpopular; and his attempts to cut the tax and his passion for
13 helping poor Arkansans stemmed from his own impoverished childhood and hard
14 work during his teens to support himself and help support his family; and
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16 WHEREAS, Governor Mike Beebe signed the first bill to cut the state
17 sales tax in half in 2007 and invited Mr. Canada to the signing and gave him
18 the ceremonial pen; and
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20 WHEREAS, Governor Beebe said, "His insight and steady temperament had a
21 great influence on me during my formative years in the State Senate. It was
22 his dream to see Arkansas do away with the sales tax on groceries, and it was
23 a privilege to have Bud standing next to me when I signed the grocery-tax
24 cut. . ."; and
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Canada is survived by his wife, Patricia Canada, of Hot
27 Springs; his three (3) daughters, Gina Canada Watson, Lisa Albright, and Toni
28 Holland; and their families; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly wishes to
31 publicly recognize Mr. Eugene "Bud" Canada's contributions to the State of
32 Arkansas and his local community,
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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
36 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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2 THAT the Senate recognizes Mr. Eugene "Bud" Canada's commitment, hard
3 work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and his local
4 community, and commends him for his leadership.

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby
7 express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Canada, and upon adoption of
8 this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family by the
9 Secretary of the Senate.