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2 88th General Assembly
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HR 1029

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5 By: Representative B. Wilkins
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE FOR ITS
9 STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC HEALTH
10 CARE AND EDUCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN
11 RURAL ARKANSAS.
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15 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE
16 FOR ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO
17 ARKANSAS'S SENIOR CITIZENS.
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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 Whereas, the Eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas
24 provided money from the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to fund a
25 statewide program of specialized health care serviced for seniors living in
26 rural Arkansas; and
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28 Whereas, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, a program of the Donald W.
29 Reynolds Institute on Aging, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, formed
30 partnerships with local and regional hospitals, area health education
31 centers, the area agencies on aging, the Division of Adult And Aging Services
32 of the Department of Health, local communities, and colleges and
33 universities; and
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35 Whereas, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, using these partnerships,
36 established the comprehensive regional centers on aging: Delta Center on



1 Aging (West Memphis), South Arkansas Center on Aging (El Dorado), West
2 Central Center on Aging (Fort Smith), Schmieding Center for Senior Health and
3 Education (Springdale), Texarkana Regional Center on Aging (Texarkana), and
4 Oaklawn Senior Health Care Center (Hot Springs); and

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6 Whereas, the Arkansas Aging Initiative is working with community
7 leaders in Mountain Home to establish and support their efforts for a
8 Comprehensive Center on Aging; and

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10 Whereas, the Arkansas Aging Initiative model program has received a
11 planning grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to develop a proposal
12 to fund replication of the Arkansas Aging Initiative in Oklahoma; and

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14 Whereas, the Arkansas Aging Initiative continues to address the needs
15 of seniors by using a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to
16 replicate the Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Program at other regional
17 centers on aging for family members and persons needing specialized training
18 to care for seniors; and

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20 Whereas, the Arkansas Aging Initiative continues to implement its
21 master plan to provide specialized interdisciplinary geriatric healthcare and
22 education programs through a network of comprehensive regional centers on
23 aging with an eventual goal of being within sixty (60) miles of every
24 Arkansas senior,

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26 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
27 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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29 That the House of Representatives recognizes and commends Dr. Claudia
30 Beverly and the Arkansas Aging Initiative leadership team for specialized
31 health services for our senior citizens and their families.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives commends the
34 participating hospital administrators, geriatricians, nurses, educators, and
35 other members of the health profession teams working in these rural areas for
36 their commitment and devotion to improving the quality of life for older

1 Arkansans and their families. Upon adoption of this resolution, an
2 appropriate copy shall be provided to the Arkansas Aging Initiative by the
3 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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