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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO HONOR THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS AND THEIR ROLE IN
9 ARKANSAS HISTORY AND TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES
10 MARSHALS MUSEUM IN FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

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15 THEIR ROLE IN ARKANSAS HISTORY AND TO
16 SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS MUSEUM
17 IN FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

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20 WHEREAS, President George Washington established the United States
21 Marshals by signing into law SB 1 on September 24, 1789, making the United
22 States Marshals the oldest federal law enforcement agency in the United
23 States; and

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25 WHEREAS, more than 250 United States Marshals and Deputy Marshals have
26 lost their lives in the line of duty, many of whom were serving as Marshals
27 or Deputy Marshals out of the United States District Court for the Western
28 District of Arkansas; and

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30 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals have served their country and
31 enforced the law during times of domestic unrest, including without
32 limitation during the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794, the Civil War and events
33 leading up to the Civil War, the Pullman Strike of 1894, and the Civil Rights
34 era; and

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36 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service continues today to serve



1 the people of Arkansas and the nation by pursuing and arresting fugitives
2 from justice, sexual predators who prey on children, and other dangerous
3 criminals; and

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5 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service administers the Department
6 of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program that converts assets seized from
7 criminals used in certain criminal enterprises to cash and returns millions
8 of dollars to the victims of crime and to state and local law enforcement
9 agencies nationwide; and

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11 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service has made 1,769 fugitive
12 arrests in Arkansas in the fiscal year for 2008 and 2,789 fugitive arrests in
13 the fiscal year for 2009; and

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15 WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service has returned \$3,196,673 to
16 state and local law enforcement agencies in Arkansas in the fiscal year for
17 2008 and \$5,259,827 in the fiscal year for 2009; and

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19 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Service promotes the administration of
20 justice by protecting members of the federal judiciary, transporting and
21 incarcerating federal prisoners, and protecting witnesses in high profile
22 criminal prosecutions, and more; and

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24 WHEREAS, the U. S. Marshals Museum, to be built in Fort Smith,
25 Arkansas, seeks to honor the long and illustrious history of the U.S.
26 Marshals Service and its contribution to maintaining law and order and our
27 constitutional form of government; and

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29 WHEREAS, the establishment of the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith,
30 Arkansas, will create jobs in Arkansas, increase Arkansas tourism, and will
31 have a positive economic impact on Arkansas; and

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33 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has provided substantial financial
34 support to assist in the establishment of the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort
35 Smith, Arkansas,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the State of Arkansas commends the United States Marshals Service
6 for its long history of service to the State of Arkansas and to the United
7 States of America.

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
10 ARKANSAS THAT the State of Arkansas continues to support the establishment of
11 the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
14 ARKANSAS THAT the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism and the Oklahoma
15 Tourism and Recreation Department are encouraged to cooperate in promoting
16 cultural tourism in Oklahoma and Arkansas to the benefit of the citizens of
17 both states; and that, upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be mailed
18 to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism and the Oklahoma Tourism and
19 Recreation Department.