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5 By: Representative Fielding

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7 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. ARTIS WILLIAMS AND IN
9 RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
10 ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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13 **Subtitle**

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16 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Artis Williams, born on November 5, 1935, of Stephens,
22 Arkansas, died on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at the age of seventy-seven
23 (77) years; and

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25 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was the ninth of fourteen (14) children born to
26 Martha and John Williams, Sr., both of whom preceded him in death; and

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28 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a 1957 graduate of Carver High School in
29 Stephens, Arkansas; received a bachelor's degree in biological science from
30 the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College, now the University of
31 Arkansas at Pine Bluff; obtained a master's degree in science education from
32 Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; and studied at Southern Illinois
33 University in Carbondale, Illinois, and Texas Southern University in Houston,
34 Texas; and

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36 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams taught school in the Stephens Public School



1 District for thirty-four (34) years before retirement, and subsequently
2 taught for two (2) years part-time in the McNeil School District; and

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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served as Past Master of St. John Lodge #456
5 F&AM Prince Hall Affiliated, Past Commander in Chief of J.C. Corbin
6 Consistory No. 204, member of the 33rd Degree of The United Supreme Council
7 Prince Hall Affiliation Southern Jurisdiction, member of the Ouachita
8 Conservation District, member of the Farm Bureau Insurance Board, member of
9 the Buena Vista Water Association, and President of Carver High School
10 Reunion Committee; and

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12 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a volunteer at the Stephens Community
13 Outreach Center; as a member of the St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church,
14 he served in the ministry of Deacon and as chair for many years and as a
15 youth Sunday school teacher; and initiated the Stephens High School Senior
16 Day Program held at St. Stephens Baptist Church annually at 6:00 p.m. on the
17 first Sunday in May. This program has spanned over thirty (30) years and was
18 designed to exhort and honor students as they embark upon adulthood; and

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20 WHEREAS, over the years, Deacon Williams accomplished much as a family
21 man, an educator, and a pillar of his community; although he achieved much,
22 he maintained his quiet, temperate, poised, and spiritual standard across
23 every walk of life; and this common thread ran across every aspect of his
24 life; and

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26 WHEREAS, Deacon Williams is survived by his wife of forty-seven (47)
27 years, Ruby Sims Williams of the home; one son, Cedric Williams of Sherwood,
28 Arkansas; two daughters, Cecila Williams of Newport, Arkansas, and Andria
29 Williams of Guy, Arkansas; two sisters, Louise Manley of Texarkana, Arkansas,
30 and Ellen Futch of Detroit, Michigan; two brothers, Johnnie Williams of
31 Little Rock, Arkansas, and Lonnie Williams of Stephens, Arkansas; and two
32 granddaughters, Tyra Williams and Sydni Williams, both of Sherwood, Arkansas;
33 and a host of friends; and

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35 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to publicly recognize
36 Deacon Williams' contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local

1 community,

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3 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
4 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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6 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes Mr. Artis Williams'
7 commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and
8 his local community, and commends him for his contributions.

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of
11 Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr.
12 Williams, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be
13 provided to his family by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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