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HR 1041

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS OF ARKANSAS FOR
9 THEIR WORK IN HONORING FALLEN HEROES AND THE FAMILIES
10 AND COMMUNITIES OF FALLEN HEROES AND FOR THEIR WORK
11 WITH DISABLED VETERANS.

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22 WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas is part of a national
23 group organized in 2005 by members of American Legion Post No. 136 in
24 Mulvane, Kansas, with the original purpose of shielding families from those
25 who would intrude on a funeral or memorial service of a fallen soldier; and

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27 WHEREAS, the mission of the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas is to
28 honor fallen heroes and their families and communities by attending memorial
29 services and funerals, to provide a moral shield as invited guests of a
30 grieving family, and to protect family members and other invited guests from
31 interruptions created by protestors; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas respect and obey all laws
34 in order to support the families they serve; and

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36 WHEREAS, members of the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas come from all



1 walks of life, united by the organization's honorable mission; and

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3 WHEREAS, members of the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas not only
4 gather for funerals but also participate in ceremonies and events to welcome
5 troops home or to give them support when they leave; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas have a program through
8 which members work with other agencies to assist wounded veterans and their
9 families, including visiting United States Department of Veterans Affairs
10 hospitals and helping to repair or refurbish homes of injured veterans; and

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12 WHEREAS, while many members of the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas are
13 motorcycle riders, the organization welcomes riders, non-riders, hawks, and
14 doves and non-rider members also work to accomplish the organization's
15 mission by providing water for the riders, handing out flags, and organizing
16 the details of missions; and

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18 WHEREAS, the mission of the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas is
19 exemplified by the organization's unwavering respect for those who risk their
20 lives for the country's freedom and security, and insistence that respect be
21 paid to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 THAT the House of Representatives proudly commends the Patriot Guard
28 Riders of Arkansas for their commitment and dedication to providing grieving
29 families with lawful protection from interruptions by protestors during
30 funeral or memorial services for fallen soldiers and for their work with
31 injured veterans.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon its adoption the Chief Clerk of the House of
34 Representatives shall provide the Patriot Guard Riders of Arkansas with a
35 copy of this resolution.

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