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HR 1045

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5 By: Representative Clemmer

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 *RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. CAL LEDBETTER FOR HIS*
9 *CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS*
10 *ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENDOWMENT ENTITLED THE "UALR CAL*
11 *LEDBETTER ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTE".*

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14 **Subtitle**

15 *RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. CAL*
16 *LEDBETTER FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE*
17 *STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS ESTABLISHMENT*
18 *OF THE ENDOWMENT ENTITLED THE "UALR CAL*
19 *LEDBETTER ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE*
20 *INSTITUTE".*

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23 *WHEREAS, Dr. Cal Ledbetter established an endowment entitled the "UALR*
24 *Cal Ledbetter Arkansas Legislative Institute", dedicated to the promotion of*
25 *a better understanding of the State of Arkansas and the branches of state*
26 *government through scholarly study at the professional, graduate, and*
27 *undergraduate levels; and*

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29 *WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter was born April 29, 1929, in Little Rock,*
30 *Arkansas; received his undergraduate degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of*
31 *Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and his Juris*
32 *Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law; was*
33 *stationed in Germany as a member of the United States Army Judge Advocate*
34 *Corps from 1955 until 1957; and later earned a Ph.D. in political science*
35 *from Northwestern University in 1961; and*



1 *WHEREAS, in 1960, Dr. Ledbetter joined the faculty as a full professor*
2 *at Little Rock University, now the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and*
3 *has served as Chair of the Department of Political Science and as the Dean of*
4 *the College of Liberal Arts, now known as Arts, Humanities, and Social*
5 *Sciences; and*

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7 *WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter is credited for helping to bring about the*
8 *merger of Little Rock University with the University of Arkansas to create*
9 *and found the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and*

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11 *WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter retired from teaching in 1997 and currently*
12 *serves as Professor Emeritus of Political Science; has been a generous*
13 *benefactor to the university he helped to create, having donated more than \$1*
14 *million in scholarships and gifts to date; and in 2009, the university*
15 *renamed the ballroom in the student center the Calvin R. Ledbetter Jr.*
16 *Assembly Hall in his honor; and*

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18 *WHEREAS, in addition to his prestigious academic career, Dr. Ledbetter*
19 *served 5 terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives, from 1967 to 1977;*
20 *was a strong advocate of legislative reform, and chaired the joint Committee*
21 *on Legislative Reorganization, which employed the Eagleton Institute of*
22 *Politics at Rutgers University to conduct a study to assist in the*
23 *reorganization of the Arkansas General Assembly; and*

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25 *WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter was elected as a delegate to the state*
26 *Constitutional Convention of 1968-1970, and again as 1 of 4 vice presidents*
27 *to the Constitutional Convention of 1978-1980; chaired the National*
28 *Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice*
29 *Task Force after serving on the first NCSL Executive Committee and was later*
30 *appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice Standards*
31 *and Goals, a commission of the United States Department of Justice; and was a*
32 *delegate to 2 Democratic National Conventions, in 1968 and 1984; and*

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34 *WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to publicly recognize and*
35 *commend Dr. Cal Ledbetter on his innumerable contributions and continued*
36 *support to the State of Arkansas by promoting a better understanding of state*

1 *government through his legislative institute,*

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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 Dr. Cal Ledbetter's*
7 *commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and*
8 *his local community, and commends him for his contributions and his*
9 *establishment of the UALR Cal Ledbetter Arkansas Legislative Institute.*

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11 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an*
12 *appropriate copy shall be provided to Dr. Ledbetter by the Chief Clerk of the*
13 *House of Representatives.*

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