1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H1/27/15	
2	90th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2015		HOUSE BILL 1113
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5	By: Representatives Bell, B	allinger, Blake, V. Flowers	
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7		For An Act To Be Entitled	
8	AN ACT CO	ONCERNING OFFICIAL STATE HOLIDAYS; TO	
9	ELIMINATI	E THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE HOLIDAY	
10	CELEBRAT	ING ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME	DAY
11	AS THE ST	FATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF	DR.
12	MARTIN LU	JTHER KING, JR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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15		Subtitle	
16	ТО	ELIMINATE THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE	
17	HOL	IDAY CELEBRATING ROBERT E. LEE'S	
18	BIR	THDAY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATE	
19	HOL	IDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR.	
20	MAR	TIN LUTHER KING, JR.	
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	AS:
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25	SECTION 1. DO	NOT CODIFY. Findings and legislative in	<u>tent.</u>
26	<u>(a) The Genera</u>	al Assembly finds that:	
27	<u>(1) The</u>	State of Arkansas has a very proud and	<u>distinguished</u>
28	southern culture and	heritage; and	
29	<u>(2) The</u>	state should maintain and celebrate its	culture and
30	heritage, including	its military leaders, while continuing t	o recognize and
31	<u>celebrate other even</u>	ts and days of state and federal histori	cal significance.
32	<u>(b) It is the</u>	intent of the General Assembly by the e	nactment of this
33	act to maintain and	celebrate the state southern culture, he	ritage, and
34	<u>military leaders whi</u>	le continuing to honor, observe, and cel	<u>ebrate other days</u>
35	and events of state of	and federal historical significance.	
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1	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 1-5-101(a)(2), concerning official state		
2	holidays, is amended to read as follows:		
3	(2) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and Robert E. Lee's		
4	Birthday — the third Monday in January;		
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6	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 1-5-106(9), concerning the Jefferson Davis		
7	Birthday memorial day to be commemorated by gubernatorial proclamation, is		
8	repealed.		
9	(9) Jefferson Davis' Birthday — June 3;		
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11	SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 1-5-106, concerning state memorial days to		
12	be commemorated by gubernatorial proclamation, is amended to add an		
13	additional subdivision to read as follows:		
14	<u>(12) Patrick Cleburne – Robert E. Lee Southern Heritage Day —</u>		
15	November 30.		
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17	SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-16-107 is amended to read as follows:		
18	6-16-107. Patriotic observances generally.		
19	(a) February 22, as the birthday of George Washington, and January 19,		
20	as the birthday of Robert E. Lee, and such other days as may be designated by		
21	the State Board of Education for patriotic observance shall be observed with		
22	appropriate exercises.		
23	(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing <u>This</u>		
24	section does not authorize the closing of any school on such days without		
25	consent of the board of directors of the school district.		
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27	/s/Bell		
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