

1 State of Arkansas  
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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PHILANTHROPIC  
9 EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
14 PHILANTHROPIC EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN  
15 ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., is a  
19 philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women,  
20 education women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship  
21 of Cottey College, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations;  
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24 WHEREAS, P.E.O. was founded on January 21, 1869, by 7 students at Iowa  
25 Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and its membership eventually grew  
26 to include nearly a quarter of a million members in chapters throughout the  
27 United States and Canada; and

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29 WHEREAS, P.E.O. has awarded more than \$143.6 million in Educational  
30 Loan Funds, more than \$29 million in International Peace Scholarships, more  
31 than \$43 million in Program for Continuing Education grants, more than \$16  
32 million in Scholar Awards, and more than \$2.6 million in P.E.O. STAR  
33 Scholarships; and

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35 WHEREAS, P.E.O. offers women the potential to develop leadership skills  
36 though volunteer service through its local, state, district, and



1 international chapters, and P.E.O. has over 6,000 chapters in each of the 50  
2 United States, District of Columbia, and in 6 Canadian provinces; and

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4 WHEREAS, P.E.O. is a source of encouragement and support for women as  
5 they realize their potential and friendship is the cornerstone of P.E.O.,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
9 OF ARKANSAS:

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11 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly of the State of  
12 Arkansas recognizes the importance of the Philanthropic Educational  
13 Organization in Arkansas.

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, an appropriate copy be  
16 provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Maria Baseggio, President of  
17 P.E.O. International Chapter, Jackie Matt, Executive Director of P.E.O, and  
18 Julie Gaddy, President of the P.E.O. Arkansas Chapter.

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