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## 10 SENATE RESOLUTION

11 TO COMMEMORATE PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY  
12 AND TO HONOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTRY.

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### 15 Subtitle

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17 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AND TO HONOR HIS  
18 CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTRY.

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20 WHEREAS, President George Washington was born February 22, 1732, in  
21 Westmoreland County, Virginia; and

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23 WHEREAS, traditionally celebrated on the third Monday in February, this  
24 year we will celebrate President Washington's birthday on February 16, 2015;  
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27 WHEREAS, in 1775, on the brink of the American Revolutionary War,  
28 Washington commissioned six privately owned schooners, later known as "George  
29 Washington's Secret Navy", to intercept incoming British ships with much-  
30 needed supplies after his failed petition to Congress to form a national  
31 navy; and

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33 WHEREAS, President Washington's schooners flew a white flag with an  
34 evergreen tree in the middle and the words "An Appeal to Heaven" stitched  
35 across, a phrase coined by English philosopher John Locke which connotes that  
36 when all resources and justices on earth are exhausted only an "appeal to



1 heaven" remains; and

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3 WHEREAS, "George Washington's Secret Navy" captured a British  
4 brigantine loaded with an abundance of supplies, and was so successful that  
5 it inspired the creation of the United States Navy as we know it today; and

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7 WHEREAS, President Washington served as a general and commander-in-  
8 chief of the colonial armies during the American Revolution, and because of  
9 his strategy, Revolutionary forces captured two major British armies at  
10 Saratoga in 1777 and Yorktown in 1781; and

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12 WHEREAS, President Washington was praised for his selection and  
13 supervision of his generals, encouragement of morale and ability to lead the  
14 army, coordination with the state governors and state militia units,  
15 relations with Congress, and attention to supplies, logistics, and training;  
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18 WHEREAS, President Washington presided over the 1787 Constitutional  
19 Convention in Philadelphia and was later unanimously elected by the Electoral  
20 College as the first president of the United States, serving from 1789 to  
21 1797, and established many customs in government still used today, such as  
22 the cabinet system and an inaugural address; and

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24 WHEREAS, President Washington was a natural leader and instrumental in  
25 creating a united nation out of a conglomeration of struggling colonies and  
26 territories, and his birthday is a special day for the United States of  
27 America as we honor our first president and the father of our country,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
31 OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly honors President  
34 George Washington as we celebrate his birthday and recognize his many  
35 contributions to our nation.

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