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5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL
9 SCIENCES' CONFERENCE PRESENTATION OF A RESEARCH STUDY
10 ENTITLED "AN EXTENDED FAMILY MODEL OF DIABETES SELF-
11 MANAGEMENT EDUCATION TO REDUCE DISPARITIES IN A
12 UNITED STATES PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY".
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15 **Subtitle**

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24 WHEREAS, Peter O. Kohler, M.D., and Mandy Ritok of the University of
25 Arkansas for Medical Sciences were invited to participate in the Engagement
26 in Research Learning Lab featuring Project Engagement Structures at the
27 annual meeting of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute on
28 November 17-19, 2016, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in
29 National Harbor, Maryland; and
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31 WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Extended
32 Family Model of Diabetes Self-Management Education to Reduce Disparities in a
33 United States Pacific Islander Community project, a research project led by
34 Dr. Kohler and Ms. Ritok, was specifically selected to be highlighted at the
35 annual meeting, featuring Project Engagement Structures as a project in which
36 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute has invested; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Marshallese population suffers from a significant and
3 disproportionate burden of type 2 diabetes, and the rate of type 2 diabetes
4 among the Marshallese is among the highest of any population groups in the
5 world, at least four hundred percent (400%) higher than the general United
6 States population; and
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8 WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences team uses a
9 Community-Based Participatory Research method to engage patients and
10 stakeholders in the study and hypothesizes that an adapted Extended Family
11 Model of Diabetes Self-Management Education based on the collectivist,
12 family-centered values of the Marshallese community will result in better
13 diabetes management outcomes compared with traditional Diabetes Self-
14 Management Education; and
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16 WHEREAS, this study by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
17 is a major research project to be funded in Arkansas by the Patient-Centered
18 Outcomes Research Institute since it was established by the Patient
19 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and parallels the belief of the
20 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute that combining patients and
21 other stakeholders' experiences and passion for improving healthcare quality
22 with the expertise of researchers will result in research that better meets
23 the needs of the healthcare community,
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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
27 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas congratulate and commend Dr.
30 Peter O. Kohler, Ms. Mandy Ritok, the University of Arkansas for Medical
31 Sciences, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute for
32 outstanding partnerships to help change the culture of research itself by
33 bringing together patients and other stakeholders from across the healthcare
34 community to help drive more useful and relevant research about what works
35 best, and for whom.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary
2 of the Senate transmit a copy to Dr. Kohler, Ms. Ritok, and Joe V. Selby,
3 M.D., MPH, Executive Director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
4 Institute.