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7 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

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10 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.
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21 WHEREAS, Gregory Brian Standridge, born on May 6, 1967, in
22 Russellville, Arkansas, to the late Marvin J. Standridge and Jewel Simcox,
23 died on November 16, 2017, at the age of fifty (50) years following a long
24 and courageous battle with cancer; and
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26 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge attended Arkansas Tech University, worked
27 as a licensed insurance agent, and was a co-owner of CSI Insurance Agency in
28 Russellville, founded in 2010; and
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30 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge served as a past-president of both the
31 Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas (2012-2013) and the Professional
32 Insurance Agents of Arkansas (1998-1999) and served on the Pope County 911
33 Board, the Workforce Investment Board, the Pope County Fair Board, and as a
34 constable in Pope County, Arkansas; and
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36 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was active with the Pope County Emergency



1 Services Rescue Unit and became a volunteer fire fighter in September of 1989
2 with the Crow Mountain Fire Department, later serving as Chief from January
3 2012 until February 2015; and
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5 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was elected to the Arkansas State Senate
6 after winning a special election in 2015 and served as the Assistant Pro
7 Tempore for the 3rd Congressional District for the Ninety-First General
8 Assembly until his passing; he served as Cochair of the Rural Fire
9 Departments Study Committee; and during his tenure in the General Assembly,
10 he was a member of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and
11 Legislative Affairs, the Senate Committee on City, County and Local Affairs,
12 the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth, the Arkansas State Game
13 and Fish Commission Oversight Committee, the Legislative Task Force on
14 Intermodal Transportation and Commerce, the Joint Committee on Economic and
15 Tax Policy, and the Boys State Committee; and
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17 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge also recognized the importance of working
18 with other legislators across the United States and served in the Southern
19 Legislative Conference (SLC), the National Conference of State Legislatures
20 (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the American Legislative
21 Exchange Council (ALEC); and he was a member of the SLC Agriculture and Rural
22 Development Committee, the NCSL Labor and Economic Development Standing
23 Committee, the CSG Energy and Environmental Public Policy Task Force, and the
24 ALEC Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force; and
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26 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was a long-time member of First Baptist
27 Church of Russellville, serving as head of the security team; he was an avid
28 lover of golf; and he enjoyed spelunking, camping, cooking, water sports,
29 scuba diving, traveling, and spending time with many family and friends; and
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31 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was a member of the Russellville Lions
32 Club, the Russellville Masonic Lodge, and the London Masonic Lodge, and was
33 the recipient of numerous awards for his professional and volunteer
34 achievements; and
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36 WHEREAS, Senator Standridge left to cherish his memory his wife of

1 twenty-six (26) years, Karen Standridge, and their children, Hunter, Lakin,
2 Cameron, and Breonna, all of Russellville; his mother, Jewel Simcox (Harry)
3 of Russellville; a sister, Jeania Evans (Jerry) of Russellville; a step-
4 sister, Angie Anderson (Ronald) of Springdale, Arkansas, and her children,
5 Whitney Bullington (Jonathan) of Springdale, and Laura Beth Brogdon (Jeremy)
6 of Greenbrier, Arkansas; and numerous family members and friends,

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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12 THAT the Senate remembers and commends Senator Gregory Brian Standridge
13 for his hard work, dedication, and many contributions to the State of
14 Arkansas and his local community.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby
17 express sincere condolences to the family of Senator Standridge, and upon
18 adoption of this resolution, that an appropriate copy be provided to the
19 family of Senator Standridge by the Secretary of the Senate.