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5 By: Senator Rapert

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 19, 2019, AS "ROTARY DAY".

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11 **Subtitle**

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13 DAY".

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16 WHEREAS, there are over 100 Rotary Clubs in Arkansas with approximately
17 5,000 members who serve countless Arkansans through a wide variety of service
18 projects; and Rotary has been in Arkansas since 1913 when the first Rotary
19 Club in the state, the Rotary Club of Little Rock, was organized; and

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21 WHEREAS, Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders;
22 and Rotary youth programs help younger leaders build leadership skills,
23 expand education, and learn the value of service; and

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25 WHEREAS, Rotary Youth Programs include Rotaract clubs, Interact clubs,
26 Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Foundation
27 Global Grant Scholars at the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public
28 Service; and

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30 WHEREAS, according to the mission statement of Rotary International,
31 "[t]he mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others,
32 promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace
33 through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders"; and

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35 WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends,
36 leaders, and problem solvers who envision a world in which people unite and



1 take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in their
2 communities, and in themselves; and there are more than 32,000 clubs around
3 the world that work together to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean
4 water and sanitation and hygiene, save mothers and children, support
5 education, and grow local economies; and

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7 WHEREAS, Rotary started with the vision of Paul P. Harris, a Chicago
8 attorney who formed one of the world's first service organizations, the
9 Rotary Club of Chicago, on February 23, 1905, as a place where professionals
10 with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong
11 friendships; and Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of
12 rotating meetings among the offices of each member; and

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14 WHEREAS, Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and the organization's
15 commitment to service is exemplary and ongoing,

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17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
19 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 THAT the Senate proclaims February 19, 2019, as "Rotary Day" at the
22 State Capitol and supports the ongoing work of Rotary International.