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5 By: Representatives D. Whitaker, Breaux, Clowney, Coleman, C. Fite, D. Garner, Godfrey, Lundstrum,
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8 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 TO REMEMBER REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE STEWART AND TO
10 HONOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS
11 LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO REMEMBER REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE
16 STEWART AND TO HONOR HIS COMMITMENT TO
17 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL
18 COMMUNITY.

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20 WHEREAS, Charles W. Stewart of Fayetteville, Arkansas, died on Monday,
21 February 1, 2021, at the age of ninety-three (93), and was preceded in death
22 by his wife Joanne Dee Rogers Stewart on May 22, 2015, after fifty-nine (59)
23 years of marriage; and

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25 WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart was co-owner of Ozark Steel and a licensed
26 attorney since 1951, a member of the Washington County Bar Association until
27 his death, and a faithful member for decades of the Evening Lions Club, the
28 Exchange Club, and the First Baptist Church; and

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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart had a very keen interest in local history and was
31 a longtime member of the Washington County Historical Society; served as the
32 society President for three (3) years from 1996 to 1999; and was installed as
33 a Distinguished Citizen of Washington County by the society in 2002; and

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35 WHEREAS, entering politics as a young attorney was the paramount trial
36 in the post-World War II climate in Arkansas, so Mr. Stewart entered a



1 primary for the House of Representatives and won a seat in the summer of
2 1954, taking the oath of office in January of 1955; and

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4 WHEREAS, Representative Stewart stood election on the next twenty-two
5 (22) ballots every two (2) years, sometimes being challenged for the seat,
6 but always winning re-election; he served the next forty-four (44) years and
7 did not retire until 1999, a record still standing in the House of
8 Representatives; and during his last session in the House, while carrying the
9 thick black three-ring binders of daily legislative materials he so loved, he
10 was offered a laptop computer to use, whereupon he politely declined the
11 laptop and said it was time to retire; and

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13 WHEREAS, Representative Stewart served as a loyal and faithful
14 Democratic member under eight (8) different governors of both parties – Orval
15 Faubus, Winthrop Rockefeller, Dale Bumpers, David Pryor, Bill Clinton, Frank
16 White, Jim Guy Tucker, and Mike Huckabee; served along with nineteen (19)
17 different representatives and fourteen (14) different senators; and as a
18 fixture on the Revenue and Taxation Committee, watched out for Arkansas’s
19 taxpayers, saying, “It took me a while to get enough seniority to get on
20 Revenue & Tax and once there I wasn’t going to get off that powerful
21 committee”; and

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23 WHEREAS, Representative Stewart estimated he wore out twenty (20) to
24 twenty-five (25) automobiles and logged countless miles from Fayetteville to
25 Little Rock on legislative business; and he is credited for helping to save
26 Carnall Hall, and helping others save Old Main, on the University of Arkansas
27 at Fayetteville campus,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT the House of Representatives remember Representative Charlie
34 Stewart and honor his commitment and contributions to the State of Arkansas.

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of

1 Representatives offer sincere condolences to the family of Representative
2 Charlie Stewart, and that upon adoption of the resolution, an appropriate
3 copy shall be provided to the family of Representative Stewart by the Chief
4 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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