1	State of Arkansas
2	93rd General Assembly
3	Regular Session, 2021 HR 1012
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5	By: Representative M. Hodges
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7	HOUSE RESOLUTION
8	TO RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO DESIGNATE THE MUSEUM LOCATED
9	ON THE FORMER EAKER AIR FORCE BASE THE "NATIONAL COLD
10	WAR CENTER".
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14	TO RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO DESIGNATE THE
15	MUSEUM LOCATED ON THE FORMER EAKER AIR
16	FORCE BASE THE "NATIONAL COLD WAR
17	CENTER".
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20	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
21	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23	WHEREAS, the Cold War was a period of tension between the Soviet Union
24	and the United States after World War II; and
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26	WHEREAS, historians do not agree on the dates of the Cold War, but the
27	period is generally considered to span the time between the establishment of
28	the Truman Doctrine in 1947 and the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991;
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31	WHEREAS, a Strategic Air Command program was established in 1946, at
32	the Blytheville Air Force Base, which was renamed Eaker Air Force Base in
33	1988, located in Blytheville, Arkansas, to oversee the United States Air
34	Force's long-range bombing forces and to conduct long-range offensive
35	operations in any part of the world; and
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1	WHEREAS, that same year the Eaker Air Force Base was designated a
2	Strategic Air Command operation responsible for Cold War command and control
3	of land-based strategic bomber aircraft and intercontinental ballistic
4	missiles; and
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6	WHEREAS, the Eaker Air Force Base closed in 1992, but given its place
7	in history, it is imperative that artifacts, mementos, and stories of the
8	Cold War and its impact on the United States be preserved; and
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10	WHEREAS, with the only publicly accessible and fully intact Alert
11	Facility and Weapons Storage Facility in the United States, the National Cold
12	War Center, located at 4701 Memorial Drive on the former Eaker Air Force Base
13	will provide a completely unique and immersive tourist experience; and
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15	WHEREAS, the National Cold War Center will:
16	(1) Educate a diverse group of
17	tourists on the influence of the Cold War on the history of the United States
18	and the role of Arkansas's military facilities throughout the years; and
19	(2) Heighten preservation efforts in,
20	and the economic strength of, the Arkansas Delta region which is struggling
21	to maintain balance with the levels of economic growth in other areas of the
22	state,
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24	NOW THEREFORE,
25	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
26	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28	THAT the House of Representatives recognizes the need to designate the
29	museum located on the former Eaker Air Force Base the "National Cold War
30	Center".
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