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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 CALLING UPON THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES TO RESPECT AND HONOR CIVIL DISCOURSE
10 IN THE INTEREST OF UNITING THE CITIZENS OF OUR STATE
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21 WHEREAS, we, the members of the House of Representatives, show respect
22 for our constituents by holding ourselves to the highest standards of civil
23 discourse; and

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25 WHEREAS, we recognize our role as servant-leaders in setting the
26 appropriate tone for thoughtful discussion, realizing that we must lead on
27 this issue in hopes that those from Washington D.C. to the farthest corners
28 of our districts will rise to the challenge and recognize the immediate need
29 for a more civil tone to political debate; and

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31 WHEREAS, free discussion in the public square is vital for our nation
32 to grow and meet today's challenges so it can survive to face the challenges
33 of tomorrow; and

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35 WHEREAS, each of us are elected representatives of our district,
36 representing Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and many who do not align



1 with a political party or even care about politics; and

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3 WHEREAS, we recognize that much of what is reported on politics only
4 showcases conflict and misses the many acts of understanding and compassion
5 that, while less sensational, are far more frequent and real; and

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7 WHEREAS, it is our responsibility as the members of the House of
8 Representatives to take a greater role in making proper political behavior
9 sensational; and

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11 WHEREAS, our constituents have the right to expect all one hundred
12 (100) members of the House of Representatives to work together for the
13 betterment of all of Arkansas; and

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15 WHEREAS, petty personal attacks do not accomplish the goal of working
16 together for the betterment of this state, but thoughtful and honest debate
17 serves that goal; and

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19 WHEREAS, we recognize that the members of the House of Representatives
20 will commonly disagree, but we resolve to disagree without being
21 disagreeable; and

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23 WHEREAS, we recognize that the members of the House of Representatives
24 come from up to one hundred (100) different points of view and we respect and
25 revere a process which began in 1776 and continues today, allowing for
26 presentation, debate, votes, and a decision with the legislative body then
27 respectfully moving on the next item of business for the people; and

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29 WHEREAS, our constituents deserve our very best behavior and we should
30 demand it of ourselves; and

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32 WHEREAS, if we cannot talk civilly about the pressing problems facing
33 our society, then we can never expect to solve them; and

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35 WHEREAS, the forces of evil seek to destroy from within with discord
36 and disruption, but we recognize that far more unites us than divides us,

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NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

 THAT we, the members of the House of Representatives, resolve that it
is time to call upon ourselves and our respective political parties to
respect and honor the time-tested tenets of civil discourse and help bring
out nation together.

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that from this day forward we, the members of
the House of Representatives, pledge to demonstrate the statesmanship our
citizens deserve and the statesmanship our nation desperately needs.