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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED  
9 A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL.

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17 WHEREAS, Jefferson Elementary School in Little Rock, Arkansas, is among  
18 five (5) schools in Arkansas and only three hundred sixty-seven (367) in the  
19 entire nation to be named and recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School;  
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22 WHEREAS, given by the United States Department of Education, the  
23 coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of students,  
24 educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools  
25 in which students master challenging and engaging content; and

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27 WHEREAS, Jefferson Elementary School's recognition is based on its  
28 progress in closing the achievement gap among students, resulting in  
29 significantly higher test scores since 2015, an achievement that principal  
30 Sandra Register attributed to a joint effort between students, teachers, and  
31 parents; and

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33 WHEREAS, with a positive and caring environment and high expectations  
34 for academics and behavior, the school has low staff turnover and is  
35 consistently recognized by the Department of Education for being in the top  
36 ten percent (10%) in academics; and



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WHEREAS, students at Jefferson Elementary School are encouraged to think critically, to apply knowledge, and to work with abstract concepts across all content areas; teachers work diligently, creatively, and collaboratively to provide data-driven and engaging lessons using Professional Learning Communities; and a supportive and deeply committed parent-teacher organization participates in many decision-making processes and hosts a number of events and drives to solidify community involvement,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize the enormous work and progress of Jefferson Elementary School and commend the school for being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to the principal of Jefferson Elementary School by the Secretary of the Senate.