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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
9 THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 A MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS.

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17 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Nations is an association of fifty-six
18 (56) sovereign nations that support each other and work together towards
19 international goals; and

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21 WHEREAS, membership in the Commonwealth of Nations will provide the
22 United States with a number of economic and diplomatic benefits; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Nations is a diverse and influential group
25 of countries that collectively account for a significant portion of global
26 trade and economic activity. By joining the Commonwealth of Nations, the
27 United States will have the opportunity to strengthen its economic ties with
28 these countries and potentially increase trade and investment; and

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30 WHEREAS, in addition to economic benefits, membership in the
31 Commonwealth of Nations will also enhance the United States' diplomatic
32 standing on the global stage. The Commonwealth of Nations is a forum for
33 member countries to engage in dialogue and cooperation on a wide range of
34 issues, including human rights, democracy, and development. By joining the
35 Commonwealth of Nations, the United States will have the opportunity to work
36 with other member countries to address global challenges and promote mutual



1 interests; and

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3 WHEREAS, joining the Commonwealth of Nations will help to strengthen
4 the country's cultural ties with other nations. The Commonwealth of Nations
5 is made up of countries with a shared history and cultural heritage, and
6 membership will allow the United States to deepen its connections with these
7 countries. This could lead to increased cultural exchange and understanding
8 between the United States and other member countries,

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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 THAT the House of Representatives encourage the United States Congress
15 and the President of the United States to have the United States become a
16 member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
19 copy be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the
20 majority leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
21 House of Representatives, members of the Arkansas congressional delegation,
22 and the President of the United States.