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HR 1062

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5 By: Representative R. Scott Richardson

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE CEI ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR FIFTY
9 (50) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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15 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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17 WHEREAS, in 1973, James Shields and Tom Pace formed Shields & Pace, a
18 practice for subdivisions and surveys and in their first decade of service,
19 they worked out of the old Benton County jail, secured a large power plant
20 project, and obtained their first job to provide services to Walmart; and
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22 WHEREAS, Shields & Pace was renamed CEI Engineering Associates in 1984
23 to reflect the firm's focus on civil engineering and environmental and
24 industrial engineering services and expanded their services to civil
25 engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, program management, and
26 urban and land planning; and
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28 WHEREAS, with deep roots, an unfailing commitment to growth and
29 community support, and being wholly dedicated to a standard of excellence,
30 CEI Engineering Associates has grown to a full-service professional firm with
31 more than one hundred seventy (170) associates across the country; and
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33 WHEREAS, with the goal to create a unique sense of place that combines
34 nature, culture, and engineering with careful stewardship, detailed planning,
35 and creative incorporation of our natural environment, CEI Engineering
36 Associates became an integral part of the Northwest Arkansas community by



1 embracing a passion for connecting people and communities; and

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3 WHEREAS, CEI Engineering Associates is honored to have provided
4 services for notable projects such as Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art,
5 Northwest Arkansas National Airport, connections in the Razorback Greenway,
6 the initial development of the Pinnacle corridor and Promenade's Retail
7 options, numerous Fortune 500 Company Corporate offices, and most recently
8 the upcoming new Walmart Home Office; and

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10 WHEREAS, over the years, CEI Engineering Associates has developed and
11 acquired experts that serve the fueling and convenience, parks and trails,
12 public works, restaurants, retail, and sports facilities industries; and

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14 WHEREAS, from aiding in Walmart's phenomenal national growth to master
15 planning favorite local trails to designing football fields for Friday night
16 games, CEI Engineering Associates is an valued partner with the community;
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19 WHEREAS, CEI Engineering Associates is proud of fifty (50) years of
20 groundbreaking and dream building and with a profound commitment to blazing
21 the trail ahead, will continue to shape the land and lives for generations to
22 come,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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28 THAT the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate CEI
29 Engineering Associates for its service and contributions to Arkansas.

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution shall
32 be transmitted to the President of CEI Engineering Associates, Mr. Jeffrey D.
33 Geurian, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.