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5 By: Representative McAlindon
6 By: Senator J. Dotson
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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO CELEBRATE AND COMMEND NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY
10 COLLEGE'S NATIONALLY LEADING AND INDUSTRY-
11 TRANSFORMING BICYCLE ASSEMBLY & REPAIR TECHNICIAN AND
12 TRAIL TECHNICIAN PROGRAMS.
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14 **Subtitle**

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17 ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S NATIONALLY
18 LEADING AND INDUSTRY-TRANSFORMING
19 BICYCLE ASSEMBLY & REPAIR TECHNICIAN AND
20 TRAIL TECHNICIAN PROGRAMS.
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22 WHEREAS, NorthWest Arkansas Community College has set a national
23 standard in workforce training by developing two (2) groundbreaking programs,
24 the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program and the Trail
25 Technician program, both of which stand as models for excellence and
26 innovation; and
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28 WHEREAS, the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program is
29 one (1) of only two (2) in the nation, and this distinction sets NorthWest
30 Arkansas Community College apart as a leader in the industry; and
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32 WHEREAS, the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program
33 was developed in partnership with the Bicycle Industry Employers Association
34 and provides students with one (1) year of specialized training that equates
35 to seven (7) years of hands-on shop experience; and
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1 WHEREAS, supported by a three-year grant from the Walton Family
2 Charitable Support Foundation, Inc., NorthWest Arkansas Community College's
3 state-of-the-art bicycle technician lab used in the accredited Bicycle
4 Assembly & Repair Technician program ensures students receive cutting-edge
5 training in repair and mechanics; and
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7 WHEREAS, by raising the professionalism and skill level of bicycle
8 mechanics via the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program,
9 NorthWest Arkansas Community College is directly shaping the future of the
10 bicycle industry; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program, the only one of its kind in the
13 world, sets a new benchmark for workforce training in trail planning,
14 building, and maintenance education; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program offers a semester-long and a
17 year-long certification that prepares students for careers in community
18 development, trail construction, and sustainability; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program provides training to students
21 nationwide, including fifty (50) United States Forest Service participants,
22 some of whom earned the Trail Management Certified Professional credential;
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25 WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program has established industry-
26 recognized standards for trail technology via its National Occupational
27 Competency Testing Institute Trail Technician Level 1 assessment; and
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29 WHEREAS, no other institution in the world offers such a comprehensive,
30 industry-driven program in this field; and
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32 WHEREAS, both the accredited Bicycle & Repair Technician program and
33 the Trail Technician program have earned national and international
34 credibility through collaboration, and the Trail Technician program in
35 particular has partnered with the Professional TrailBuilders Association,
36 American Trails, the DIRT Project in Europe, the Forest Service, the

1 National Park Service, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Business
2 and Industry Leadership Team model of implementation for employer engagement;
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5 WHEREAS, through visionary leadership, strategic partnerships, and a
6 commitment to hands-on, real-world training, NorthWest Arkansas Community
7 College is not just setting the standard but defining the future of both
8 bicycle technology and trail development on a national and global scale,
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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING
12 THEREIN, OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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14 THAT the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein,
15 proudly celebrate and commend NorthWest Arkansas Community College and its
16 faculty, students, and industry partners for pioneering these one-of-a-kind
17 programs that are transforming their respective industries.
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the leadership of NorthWest Arkansas Community College by the
21 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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