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## 8 HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

9 TO REMEMBER UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE  
10 AND NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION STAR OLIVER "BIG  
11 O" MILLER FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR HIS  
12 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.  
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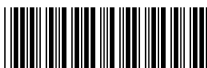
16 TO REMEMBER UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT  
17 FAYETTEVILLE AND NATIONAL BASKETBALL  
18 ASSOCIATION STAR OLIVER "BIG O" MILLER  
19 FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR HIS  
20 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.  
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22 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, passed  
23 away on March 12, 2025; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was a legendary center and four-year  
26 letterman in basketball for the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville  
27 Razorbacks basketball team from 1988-1992; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was nicknamed "Big O" because of his  
30 size and incredible skills throughout his basketball career, which began at  
31 Southwest High School in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was a star athlete; and  
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33 WHEREAS, while Oliver "Big O" Miller played for the Razorbacks, the  
34 team recorded twenty-five wins, seven losses (25-7) during the 1988-1989  
35 season, thirty wins, five losses (30-5) during the 1989-1990 season, thirty-  
36 four wins, four losses (34-4) during the 1990-1991 season, and twenty-six



1 wins, eight losses (26-8) during the 1991-1992 season; and

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3 WHEREAS, the trio of Oliver "Big O" Miller, Lee Mayberry, and Todd Day  
4 led to some of the highest scoring averages in University of Arkansas at  
5 Fayetteville basketball history; and

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7 WHEREAS, in Oliver "Big O" Miller's first three (3) seasons with the  
8 Razorbacks, the team won the Southwest Conference regular season and  
9 tournament championships, and his senior-year 1991-1992 squad won the  
10 Southeastern Conference regular season championship in Arkansas's first year  
11 in that conference; and

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13 WHEREAS, while Oliver "Big O" Miller played for the Razorbacks, the  
14 team achieved victories every season in the annual National Collegiate  
15 Athletic Association tournament, reaching the second round during his 1988-  
16 1989 season, reaching the Final Four during his 1989-1990 season, reaching  
17 the Elite Eight during his 1990-1991 season, and reaching the second round  
18 during his 1991-1992 season; and

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20 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was number one (1) in career field goal  
21 percentage at sixty-three and six-tenths percent (63.6%), number one (1) in  
22 blocked shots at three hundred forty-five (345), number three (3) in rebounds  
23 at eight hundred eighty-six (886), number nine (9) in points at one thousand  
24 six hundred seventy-four (1,674) points, and number fourteen in freethrows at  
25 three hundred nine (309) on the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's  
26 basketball all-time leader list; and

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28 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller led the National Collegiate Athletic  
29 Association in field goal percentage and set the Southwest Conference single-  
30 season record for blocked shots during the 1990-1991 season, was the first  
31 player in University of Arkansas at Fayetteville history to record over one  
32 hundred (100) blocks and one hundred (100) assists in the same season, and  
33 still holds the program record for field goal percentage and blocked shots;  
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36 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in the

1 first round of the 1992 National Basketball Association draft; and

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3 WHEREAS, during his professional basketball career, Oliver "Big O"  
4 Miller played for the Phoenix Suns, the Detroit Pistons, the Toronto Raptors,  
5 the Dallas Mavericks, the Sacramento Kings, and the Minnesota Timberwolves;  
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8 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller retired from professional basketball in  
9 2010; and

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11 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was named to the Southeastern  
12 Conference's Legends class in 2017; and

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14 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was inducted into the University of  
15 Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor in 2016 and the Southwest Conference Hall of  
16 Fame in 2024, and he will be inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame  
17 in 2025; and

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19 WHEREAS, upon Oliver "Big O" Miller's passing, his Phoenix Suns  
20 teammate Charles Barkley said, "We would not have gotten to the finals  
21 without Oliver Miller . . . he was a terrific passer . . . he played bigger  
22 than his size . . . he was a great kid"; and

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24 WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller will be remembered by Arkansans for his  
25 immense talent, humor, and generosity both on and off the court,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 THAT the House of Representatives remember University of Arkansas at  
32 Fayetteville basketball star Oliver "Big O" Miller for his achievements and  
33 his contributions to the State of Arkansas.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
36 presented to the family of Oliver "Big O" Miller by the Chief Clerk of the

1 House of Representatives.

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