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HR 1117

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5 By: Representative McGruder
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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO RECOGNIZE FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BEN MCGEE FOR HIS
10 SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF
11 ARKANSAS.
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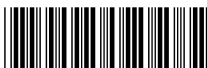
19 WHEREAS, Ben McGee of Marion is a former state representative who
20 represented the thirty-fifth district in Arkansas, which includes portions of
21 Crittenden County and Cross County in the Arkansas Delta, from 1988 until
22 1998; and
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24 WHEREAS, former Representative McGee was the first African American
25 since Reconstruction to represent this district, which is today represented
26 by Representative Jessie McGruder; and
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28 WHEREAS, former Representative McGee was also the first African
29 American elected to the school board of the Marion School District; and
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31 WHEREAS, former Representative McGee was also the first African
32 American Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University; and
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34 WHEREAS, former Representative McGee showed great courage as a pioneer
35 during the Civil Rights Movement; and
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1 WHEREAS, former Representative McGee and his wife, Rose, have two (2)
2 sons and two (2) daughters, three (3) of whom are doctors,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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8 THAT the House of Representatives recognize former Representative Ben
9 McGee for his service to his community and to the State of Arkansas.

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Ben McGee by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.