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11 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

12 TO HONOR JOHN PENDLETON REED FOR HIS EXEMPLARY AND
13 DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SENATE AND TO THE STATE OF
14 ARKANSAS.

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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO HONOR JOHN PENDLETON REED FOR HIS
19 EXEMPLARY AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
20 SENATE AND TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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22 WHEREAS, John Pendleton Reed, an important and valued member of the
23 staff of the Senate who served in the role of public information officer,
24 officially retired on November 30, 2025, after over thirty-five (35) years of
25 steadfast commitment to the Senate and to the State of Arkansas; and

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27 WHEREAS, John Reed was born on October 14, 1954, at the Willow Run Air
28 Force Base in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to Roy Reed and Norma Reed; and

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30 WHEREAS, as a child, John Reed moved around the United States with his
31 family as his father, Roy Reed, took various assignments as a newspaperman,
32 first in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where Roy Reed was in the United States Air
33 Force and ran the Willow Run Air Force Base newspaper, and then in Atlanta,
34 Georgia, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, Louisiana as part of Roy Reed's
35 job at The New York Times; and

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1 WHEREAS, John Reed attended public schools in Little Rock, Atlanta, and
2 New Orleans before graduating in 1973 from Benjamin Franklin High School in
3 New Orleans; and
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5 WHEREAS, John Reed attended Yale University, from which he graduated in
6 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature; and
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8 WHEREAS, John Reed, who is fluent in both written and spoken Spanish,
9 spent his junior year of college abroad in Madrid, Spain, at the St. Louis
10 University in Madrid; and
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12 WHEREAS, in April 1980, after graduating from college, John Reed moved
13 to Madrid, Spain, to work at the Institutos Mangold, where he taught English
14 as a foreign language, worked as an administrator, conducted placement
15 interviews, operated the language laboratory, and wrote test materials; and
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17 WHEREAS, in October 1983, John Reed moved from Madrid, Spain, to Pine
18 Bluff, Arkansas, to work at the Pine Bluff Commercial, where he was a
19 business and political issues reporter; and
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21 WHEREAS, in February 1985, John Reed went to work for the Arkansas
22 Gazette, where he became the Capitol beat reporter and covered the
23 legislature, state government, and gubernatorial and United States Senate
24 races and where he won multiple awards for his reporting on teenage
25 pregnancies in Arkansas; and
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27 WHEREAS, on August 1, 1990, John Reed began his employment with the
28 Senate as public information officer; and
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30 WHEREAS, from the first day that he set foot in the Senate chamber,
31 John Reed has demonstrated rare loyalty as a state employee and a deep
32 dedication to the legislative institution and its members; and
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34 WHEREAS, throughout his over thirty-five (35) years of service with the
35 Senate, John Reed's institutional knowledge has contributed greatly to the
36 operation of the Senate; and

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2 WHEREAS, as public information officer of the Senate, John Reed carried
3 out his responsibilities with accuracy and professionalism; and
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5 WHEREAS, John Reed has left an indelible mark upon the Senate through
6 his dedication and commitment to serving the people of Arkansas; and
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8 WHEREAS, during his service as public information officer of the
9 Senate, John Reed also found time to raise two (2) sons, Bernard and Vincent,
10 and to spend time with his wife, Angie Clingmon-Reed, whom he married on
11 January 26, 2013, during the Regular Session of the Eighty-Nineth General
12 Assembly; and
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14 WHEREAS, in his retirement, John Reed will have time to focus on his
15 hobbies, which include reading mystery books, supporting the Atlanta Braves,
16 the New Orleans Saints, and the Arkansas Razorbacks, listening to music, and
17 re-learning how to play the guitar; and
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19 WHEREAS, John Reed will be sorely missed by the staff and members of
20 the Senate for his expertise and his institutional knowledge,
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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
24 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 THAT the Senate honor John Pendleton Reed for his exemplary and
27 dedicated service to the Senate and to the State of Arkansas.
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the staff and members of the Senate join in
30 congratulating John Pendleton Reed on his retirement, in expressing their
31 heartfelt gratitude to John Pendleton Reed for his over thirty-five (35)
32 years of outstanding service to the Senate, and in wishing John Pendleton
33 Reed the very best in the years ahead.
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
36 presented to John Pendleton Reed by the Secretary of the Senate.