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2 94th General Assembly
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5 By: Representatives Hawk, Furman, L. Fite, Brooks

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7 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 TO HONOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. CURTIS
9 OLAN FERGUSON.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO HONOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
14 MR. CURTIS OLAN FERGUSON.

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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Olan Ferguson of Benton, Arkansas, passed away on
18 June 16, 2024; and

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson moved to Benton from the Crows Station
21 area in the late 1950s; and

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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson made a living selling appliances and tires
24 for Goodyear and it did not take him long to work his way up to being the
25 youngest manager in the Memphis region; and

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27 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson met Ms. Vera Richardson of Bryant soon
28 after moving to Benton and they were married; and

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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson and Mrs. Vera Ferguson had two (2) sons,
31 Wyatt and Bart; and

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33 WHEREAS, in 1963, the Fergusons opened Ferguson's Town & Country
34 Furniture, TVs & Appliances and later built what is now Ferguson's Furniture;
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1 WHEREAS, as a business owner Mr. Curtis Ferguson was outspoken voice
2 for local businesses and led the charge to even the playing field on charging
3 online companies the same tax rate as local businesses; and
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson was instrumental in the development of the
6 Benton and Bryant area; and
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8 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson instilled his work ethic not only in his
9 children but also in his grandchildren by giving them tailor made jobs around
10 the furniture store which were also known as the "Curtis school of hard
11 knocks"; and
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13 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson served as the President of the Benton
14 Chamber of Commerce and helped secure the land and building where the current
15 Chamber of Commerce is located; and
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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson was a pilot and enjoyed every aspect of
18 aviation; and
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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson:

21 (1) Was a larger-than-life figure who had a laugh that infected
22 all who knew him;

23 (2) Was a storyteller at his core and his stories caused roars
24 of laughter from everyone;

25 (3) Lived life with one hundred percent (100%) intentionality,
26 punching a straw in the middle of life and drinking all it had to offer; and

27 (4) Left tangible memories with anyone he came in contact with,
28 especially his grandchildren; and
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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson had the rare quality to leave "Curtis
31 sized" impression on people and the Benton community will be forever impacted
32 by his legacy,
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34 NOW THEREFORE,

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

1 THAT the House of Representatives express sincere condolences to the
2 family of Mr. Curtis Ferguson and commend his contributions to the State of
3 Arkansas.

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
6 provided to the family of Mr. Curtis Ferguson by the Chief Clerk of the House
7 of Representatives.

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