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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THAT THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HOT SPRINGS
9 DELAY ANY ACTION REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF THE WOODMAN
10 OF UNION BUILDING (NATIONAL BAPTIST HOTEL) UNTIL THE STATE
11 REVIEW BOARD MEETS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BUILDING TO BE
12 ELIGIBLE TO BE LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC
13 PLACES.

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15 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, the Woodman of Union Building was constructed in 1923 to serve
23 the black community; and

24 WHEREAS, the building at one time housed a 100-bed hospital and nurse
25 training school and a 75-room bath hotel; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1950, the building was purchased by the National Baptist
27 Association U.S.A. and became known as the National Baptist Hotel and Bath
28 House; and

29 WHEREAS, as segregation ended and integration of public facilities
30 became prevalent, usage of the National Baptist Hotel waned and finally, in
31 1981, the hotel closed; and

32 WHEREAS, the Woodman of Union Building has been nominated for
33 consideration to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, which
34 will insure federal funding and, on March 5, 1997, the State Review Board will
35 consider this nomination; and

36 WHEREAS, the Hot Springs City Board of Directors will meet on March 3,

1 1997 to consider demolishing the Woodman of Union Building;

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
5 OF ARKANSAS:

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7 That the City of Hot Springs delay any formal action regarding the
8 Woodman of Union Building until the State Review Board meets on March 5, 1997,
9 to determine if the building would be a candidate for listing in the National
10 Register of Historic Places.

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