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## 8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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11 CLASSROOMS TOWARDS IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL  
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### 14 **Subtitle**

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24 *WHEREAS, the leadership of Sen. Stanley Russ, Rep. John Miller, Rep. Carolyn*  
25 *Pollan, and Rep. Jodie Mahony, members of the Arkansas General Assembly in*  
26 *1983, working with the administration of Governor Bill Clinton recognized the*  
27 *need for special programs and initiatives designed to advance Arkansas' public*  
28 *schools use of instructional technology in the classroom; and*

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30 *WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly, by the authority of Act 528 of 1983,*  
31 *created the Arkansas Commission on Microcomputer Instruction to establish*  
32 *program guidelines and implementation policies and procedures for*  
33 *instructional microcomputers in Arkansas' public school classrooms; and*

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35 *WHEREAS, the commission created the Instructional Microcomputer Project for*  
36 *Arkansas Classrooms (IMPAC) as a unique partnership between education,*

1 *business, and government to research, develop, and implement instructional*  
2 *applications of computer based technologies in the K-12 public schools of*  
3 *Arkansas; and*

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5 *WHEREAS, the Commission, through the leadership of businessmen Walter Smiley*  
6 *and Mack McLarty, established IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc., in 1985 as a*  
7 *private, nonprofit corporation to conduct all the business affairs of the*  
8 *Commission and to carry out the policies and implement the programs approved*  
9 *by the Commission; and*

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11 *WHEREAS, the Arkansas Commission on Microcomputer Instruction and IMPAC*  
12 *Learning Systems, Inc., have implemented over 800 projects since 1983,*  
13 *involving over 80,000 students and 4,000 teachers in 300 school districts with*  
14 *an accrued savings of \$25 million over the cost of individual school district*  
15 *projects with discounted prices; and*

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17 *WHEREAS, IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc., has continued to work with business*  
18 *leaders, government officials, and educational leaders to promote and advance*  
19 *the effective use of educational technology, currently supporting programs at*  
20 *400 different sites involving over 13,000 networked computers; and*

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22 *WHEREAS, IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc., has been recognized national as a*  
23 *unique public-private partnership in the development and implementation of*  
24 *software and hardware solutions to the effective use of educational*  
25 *technology;*

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27 *NOW THEREFORE,*

28 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE*  
29 *OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:*

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31 *THAT the Arkansas General Assembly; commends the outstanding leadership*  
32 *demonstrated by the educational, business, and government leaders who*  
33 *established Arkansas Commission on Microcomputer Instruction policies and*  
34 *developed IMPAC Learning System programs; and*

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36 *Acknowledges substantial savings of public funds through the cost-effective*

1 *models of educational technology developed by IMPAC; and*  
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3 *Duly recognizes the outstanding contributions made by private corporations in*  
4 *Arkansas to support the early development work of IMPAC; and*  
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6 *Commends the members of the Arkansas Commission on Microcomputer Instruction,*  
7 *the members of the Board of Directors and staff of IMPAC Learning Systems,*  
8 *Inc., for their tireless efforts to promote and advance the effective use of*  
9 *educational technology in Arkansas' classrooms.*

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, a certified copy hereof shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the director of the Instructional Microcomputer Project For Arkansas Classrooms.

*/s/ Mahony, et al*