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2 85th General Assembly
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HR 1033

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5 By: Representative Rogers

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
10 "HOXIE 21".

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12 **Subtitle**

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17 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Brown v
18 Board of Education in 1954 outlawed segregation in the public schools and, as
19 a result, the Hoxie School board voted to allow twenty-one (21) local black
20 students to attend Hoxie schools rather than the local black elementary
21 school and a high school some twenty-five (25) miles away; and

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23 WHEREAS, making such a change would require courage and commitment on
24 the part of many, including school officials and community leaders, and such
25 traits also extended on a more personal level to the black students and their
26 families; and

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28 WHEREAS, the "Hoxie 21" and their families faced the situation with a
29 calm dignity and grace with a commitment to education and with a respect for
30 the rule of law and, together and with the community's help, they withstood
31 threats to their lives and their livelihoods; and

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33 WHEREAS, the "Hoxie 21" came from the following families: Barksdale,
34 Braxton, Brown, Henderson, Hill, Kelly, Riley, Ruffin, and Tompkins,

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36 NOW THEREFORE,



1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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4 That the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly
5 of the State of Arkansas takes great pride in recognizing the "Hoxie 21" and
6 their families for their commitment and courage during very difficult and
7 turbulent times.

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