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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING SPECIAL AGENT KEVIN BROWN OF VAN BUREN
9 COUNTY, ARKANSAS, ON HIS SELECTION AS THE 2009
10 ARKANSAS STATE TROOPER OF THE YEAR.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 COMMENDING SPECIAL AGENT KEVIN BROWN OF
15 VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS, ON HIS
16 SELECTION AS THE 2009 ARKANSAS STATE
17 TROOPER OF THE YEAR.

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19 WHEREAS, Special Agent Kevin Brown, 31, of Van Buren County, Arkansas,
20 is a five-year veteran of the Department of Arkansas State Police; and is
21 currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, Company E,
22 headquartered at Harrison, Arkansas; and

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24 WHEREAS, Special Agent Brown was named Arkansas State Police 2009
25 Trooper of the Year on March 19, 2010; and was also the recipient of the
26 department's Medal of Valor, presented for extraordinary acts of valor and
27 gallantry that clearly sets the individual apart from other commissioned
28 personnel; and

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30 WHEREAS, Special Agent Brown was chosen for both awards for his
31 successful recovery and rescue of others while working with a drug task
32 force; and

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34 WHEREAS, Special Agent Brown was a passenger on an Arkansas National
35 Guard OH-58 helicopter on June 4, 2009, when it lost power over the Buffalo
36 National River; and was working with the 20th Judicial District Drug Task



1 Force to identify a marijuana farming operation on the boundary between
2 Marion and Searcy counties; and

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4 WHEREAS, the helicopter crashed and flipped over in a ten-foot-deep
5 river pool, jarring the seats loose; but Special Agent Brown got out of his
6 seat belt and shoulder harness despite internal injuries and swam to the
7 river's surface; and

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9 WHEREAS, Special Agent Brown saw a drug task force agent struggling to
10 stay afloat and feared the agent would drown; and swam to the agent and
11 helped him safely to shore before going back to make sure the National Guard
12 pilot was safely out; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-eighth General Assembly commends
15 Special Agent Kevin Brown on his selection as the 2009 Arkansas State Trooper
16 of the Year,

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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
20 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 THAT the Senate commends Special Agent Kevin Brown on his service to
23 the State of Arkansas and his selection as the 2009 Arkansas State Trooper of
24 the Year and Medal of Valor recipient.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
27 copy shall be provided to Special Agent Kevin Brown by the Secretary of the
28 Senate.

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