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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO HONOR ARKANSAS NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS
AND TO RECOGNIZE THEIR POSITIVE IMPACT ON ARKANSAS
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19 WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was
20 founded in 1987 by teachers and business leaders who wanted to strengthen
21 teaching standards and professionalize the teacher workforce; and

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24 WHEREAS, the rigorous standards are created by teachers for teachers
25 and set the gold standard of certification for teachers, which means better
26 learning for students; and

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29 WHEREAS, the founding mission of the National Board for Professional
30 Teaching Standards is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by
31 maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should
32 know and be able to do, to provide a national voluntary system in order to
33 certify teachers who meet these standards, to advocate related education
34 reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education, and
35 to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers; and

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WHEREAS, National Board Certification has a positive impact on student
achievement, teacher retention, and professional development; and



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2 WHEREAS, in achieving board certification, teachers prove their ability
3 to advance student learning and achievement through a peer-reviewed and
4 performance-based process and National Board Certification assures
5 policymakers, parents, and the public that teachers have met the profession's
6 highest standards; and

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8 WHEREAS, there are more than 110,000 teachers in all 50 states and the
9 District of Columbia who have achieved the profession's gold standard for
10 accomplished teaching; and

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12 WHEREAS, there are 2,778 National Board Certified teachers in Arkansas
13 and in 2014, Arkansas ranked fourth in the nation for new National Board
14 Certified teachers; and

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16 WHEREAS, teachers leave a significant mark on our youth and every
17 student in America deserves to be taught by accomplished, board-certified
18 teachers who believe accomplished teaching should be the norm, not the
19 exception; and

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21 WHEREAS, National Board Certified teachers strive to ensure that all
22 students receive an excellent education that prepares students to succeed in
23 today's world,

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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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29 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly
30 honors Arkansas National Board Certified teachers and recognizes their
31 positive impact on Arkansas students.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this
34 resolution be provided to Sandra Eddleman, President of Arkansas Teachers for
35 National Board Certification, by the Chief Clerk of the House of
36 Representatives.