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7 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF TIM MASSANELLI AND IN
9 RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
10 ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF TIM MASSANELLI
15 AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY
16 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, Garland Edward "Tim" Massanelli, born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas,
19 to Italian immigrants Evo and Cezira Massanelli, died on February 12, 2018,
20 at the age of eight-five (85) years; and

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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Massanelli attended Drury University in Missouri before
23 returning to Arkansas, where he worked in a variety of careers before going
24 to work at the State Capitol as a sound man and unofficial parliamentarian;
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27 WHEREAS, Mr. Massanelli ended up as the official parliamentarian,
28 coordinator of legislative services, and assistant to the speaker, and became
29 a legend in the hallowed Capitol building and beyond; and he retired after
30 nearly four (4) decades, working with over one thousand (1,000) legislators,
31 seven (7) governors, and nineteen (19) speakers; and

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33 WHEREAS, Mr. Massanelli oversaw the evolution and growth of the House
34 of Representatives from a body with no paid staff to a full staff offering
35 wide-ranging services; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Massanelli also weathered the dramatic change in the
2 legislature when term limits were adopted, taking Arkansas from a state with
3 no term limits to one with stringent term limits; and though that change
4 offered him an unprecedented opportunity to make his role and knowledge even
5 more indispensable, he opposed shorter limits and used the opportunity to
6 encourage members to learn even more about the legislative process and rely
7 on him less; and

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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Massanelli, affectionately known as "Boss" by everyone,
10 was a walking encyclopedia of parliamentary process and procedure, with a
11 complete mastery of the rules, rendering him ". . . as important to the
12 legislative process as the Capitol dome itself", according to former Governor
13 and Senator David Pryor; and

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15 WHEREAS, not only did Mr. Massanelli know the legislative process like
16 the back of his hand, he also facilitated that process with an unparalleled
17 sense of humor and an affable personality that gave him an ability to get
18 along with one hundred (100) different personalities at a time, giving each
19 person individual and objective attention; and

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21 WHEREAS, as former speaker Shane Broadway said, "All the things that
22 have been good that have come out of that chamber, he has had an influence
23 on. Every member who has ever done anything in that chamber trusted Tim for
24 his advice",

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the House of Representatives remember and commend Tim Massanelli
31 for his hard work, dedication, and many contributions to the House of
32 Representatives and to the State of Arkansas.

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of
35 Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Tim
36 Massanelli, and upon adoption of this resolution, that an appropriate copy be

1 provided to the family of Mr. Massanelli by the Chief Clerk of the House of
2 Representatives.

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