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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO SUPPORT A SCENIC GONDOLA INSTALLATION AT BLACK
9 MOUNTAIN ON THE MULBERRY RIVER.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 AT BLACK MOUNTAIN ON THE MULBERRY RIVER.

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17 WHEREAS, Turner Bend Store is an iconic site on the Mulberry River that
18 has been a center of commerce and recreation for over 100 years; and

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20 WHEREAS, the store is a licensed United States Forest Service outfitter
21 and rents kayaks, canoes, and rafts for float trips on the Mulberry River;
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24 WHEREAS, while hundreds of acres on both sides of the Mulberry River
25 are owned by private landowners, much of the area is surrounded by the Ozark
26 National Forest; and

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28 WHEREAS, an extensive proposal was initiated in 2017 to expand and
29 enhance Turner Bend into an outdoor recreation destination to include a
30 scenic gondola, nature center and observation post, and expanded
31 opportunities for rock climbing, mountain biking, and interactive trail
32 access; and

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34 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has rejected the proposal,

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36 NOW THEREFORE,



1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
2 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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4 THAT the Senate supports enhancing the Mulberry River and Turner Bend
5 areas with the installation of a scenic gondola and other recreational
6 additions and urges the United States Forest Service to approve the proposal.
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be
9 provided to the Arkansas Forest Supervisor of the United States Forest
10 Service.
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