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HR 1050

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5 By: Representative C. Fite

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM LARRY PRATER FOR
9 HIS SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF
10 ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM LARRY
15 PRATER FOR HIS SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY
16 AND TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, Mr. William Larry Prater (“Larry”) from Cedarville, Arkansas
19 is a distinguished citizen of the State of Arkansas who worked and continues
20 to work tirelessly for his beloved state and community; and

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22 WHEREAS, Representative Prater served in the Arkansas House of
23 Representatives during the 82nd, 83rd, and 84th General Assemblies; and

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25 WHEREAS, during his service with the House of Representatives,
26 Representative Prater served as the as Chairman of the House Parks and
27 Tourism Subcommittee and in representing the citizens Crawford and Franklin
28 Counties advocated for the following funding for his district: ninety
29 thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the Cedarville Public Library Building Fund;
30 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the Mulberry Public Library Building
31 Fund; and

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33 WHEREAS, other notable accomplishments by Representative Prater
34 include: worked to reinstate state aid to public libraries after the funding
35 was cut; sponsored legislation requiring a fee for calling a special election
36 on a library tax issue; supported funding for fire departments, senior



1 citizen centers, and county fairs; supported funding and assistance for
2 veterans housing, and health care; and fought along with his constituents
3 against consolidation of small public schools in Crawford and Franklin
4 counties and throughout the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, Representative Prater served on the Crawford County Board of
7 Education from 1973 to 1998; and

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9 WHEREAS, Representative Prater's support to his community extended
10 outside the legislative sphere and he served as the President of the Crawford
11 County Cattleman's Association in 2006 and 2007, was instrumental in the
12 restoration of the Cedarville Old Rock School House by gaining funding
13 through grants for the use as a transitional home of the Cedarville Public
14 Library and a community center for the Cedarville Public Schools, and was
15 dedicated to the success of the Franklin County Fair; and

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17 WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Representative Prater has served on
18 numerous associations and organization including but certainly not limited
19 to: Cedarville Schools Athletic Booster Club, Cedarville Schools Band Booster
20 Club, Cedarville Senior Citizens Lodge, Cedarville 4-H, Rural Riders
21 Horseman's Association, Crawford County Fair, and the Church of Christ; and

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23 WHEREAS, although very accomplished and recognized for his work in his
24 community and the State, Representative Prater's greatest joy and commitment
25 is to his family including his deceased wife of sixty-seven (67) years,
26 Janice Prater, children Bill, Shanna, and Glenanna, grandfather to Jeremy,
27 Josh, Kimberly, David, Nathan, and Rose, and great-grandfather to Owen, Rona,
28 Tiaya, Truman, and Will; and

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30 WHEREAS, Representative Prater is being celebrated on March, 18, 2023
31 for turning ninety (90) years,

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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
35 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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1 THAT the House of Representatives recognize Representative William
2 Larry Prater for his dedication and service to his community and to the State
3 of Arkansas.

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
6 provided to Representative Prater by the Chief Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives.

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