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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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22 WHEREAS, Nancy Jo Smith began her history of service volunteering as a
23 candy striper at Ouachita County Hospital while only fifteen (15) years old;
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26 WHEREAS, Nancy Jo Smith first studied to become a nurse practitioner at
27 Henderson State University then transferred to the University of Arkansas for
28 Medical Sciences (UAMS) to take part in the first nurse practitioner program
29 at the College of Nursing; and

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31 WHEREAS, after her graduation, Nancy Jo Smith remained at UAMS working
32 in the emergency department, the burn unit, and as the chief nurse in the
33 Department of Orthopedics; and

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35 WHEREAS, in 2002, Nancy Jo Smith moved to the Special Services
36 Department and is currently the Director of Special Services; and



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WHEREAS, while working in the Special Services Department Nancy Jo Smith has made a name for herself as a problem solver, earned the deep respect of people throughout the UAMS system, and has been referred to as the person who actually runs UAMS; and

WHEREAS, as the Director of Special Services, Nancy Jo Smith has become well-known by the members of the General Assembly for her unwavering assistance to the citizens of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Jo Smith received the 2022 UAMS Award for Distinguished Service and Chancellor Cam Patterson stated “Impossible is not a word in Jo’s vocabulary. We are extremely thankful that she is part of Team UAMS and grateful for everything she makes possible for our patients”,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize Nancy Jo Smith for over fifty (50) years of service to UAMS, to her patients, and to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Nancy Jo Smith by the Secretary of the Senate.