

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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HCR 1004

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5 By: Representatives Wardlaw, Beaty Jr.  
6 By: Senator Gilmore

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO CONGRATULATE GAME WARDEN AUSTIN POWELL ON  
10 RECEIVING THE MONTY CARMIKLE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
11 AWARD AND THE 2024 ROBERT M. BRANTLY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
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15 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, in July 2024, Game Warden Austin Powell was presented with the  
23 Monty Carmikle Officer of the Year Award at the Arkansas State Game and Fish  
24 Commission Enforcement Division's Awards Banquet in Little Rock; and

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26 WHEREAS, at just twenty-six (26) years old, Powell became one of the  
27 youngest game wardens to ever receive this honor; and

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29 WHEREAS, after playing college baseball at Arkansas State University,  
30 Itawamba Community College, Ole Miss, and the University of Arkansas at  
31 Monticello, Powell entered into the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission's  
32 Enforcement Cadet School in 2021; and

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34 WHEREAS, while Powell has been working as a game warden for only four  
35 (4) years, he has already made a huge impact on the community through both  
36 the cases he has worked and the additional time he has spent spreading his



1 love of the outdoors at events such as the National Wild Turkey Federation's  
2 JAKES Day in Rison; and

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4 WHEREAS, Powell was also named the National Wild Turkey Federation's  
5 Arkansas Officer of the Year; and

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7 WHEREAS, in addition to these impressive awards, Powell received a  
8 Lifesaving Award along with fellow Game Warden Aaron Dillard for their  
9 bravery and heroic efforts to save a girl being swept downstream by the  
10 Mississippi River current and barge wakes by working quickly to get her into  
11 their boat and back to shore safely; and

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13 WHEREAS, Powell was also featured in a "Scales of Justice" article in  
14 the June 2024 issue of Arkansas Wildlife for his work in using shot shell  
15 forensics and DNA analysis to prove that two (2) Mississippi turkey hunters  
16 were using Arkansas hunting licenses to illegally hunt turkeys; and

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18 WHEREAS, Colonel Brad Young, the Arkansas State Game and Fish  
19 Commission Chief of Enforcement said this about Powell: "We're very, very  
20 proud of him. He had some very hard to make cases. It took a lot of hours  
21 to apprehend some of those violators"; and

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23 WHEREAS, Powell's hard work in focusing on major violators resulted in  
24 twelve (12) charges of night hunting, thirteen (13) charges of road hunting,  
25 seventeen (17) charges for hunting during a closed season, four (4) charges  
26 for boating while under the influence, five (5) cases of hunting turkey over  
27 bait, eight (8) cases for hunting without permission, four (4) cases for  
28 hunting waterfowl over bait, and three (3) cases for falsifying information;  
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31 WHEREAS, in December 2024 in Augusta, Georgia, Powell was once again  
32 recognized for his hard work and dedication when he was named the  
33 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 2024 Robert M. Brantly  
34 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; and

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36 WHEREAS, Powell is only the fourth Arkansas State Game and Fish

1 Commission game warden to win this prestigious honor, which is awarded to one  
2 (1) law enforcement officer out of the fifteen (15) states in the association  
3 who excels in teamwork and public outreach, excellence and innovation,  
4 attitude and leadership, and achievements and accomplishments in job-related  
5 duties,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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11 THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring recognize  
12 Game Warden Austin Powell for his outstanding work and to congratulate him on  
13 being named the Monty Carmikle Officer of the Year and the 2024 Robert M.  
14 Brantly Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be  
17 provided to Game Warden Powell by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
18 Representatives.