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7 By: Senators J. Scott, R. Murdock, S. Flowers  
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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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11 DURING AMERICAN HEART MONTH IN FEBRUARY FOR ITS  
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23 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission was established in  
24 1991 via the efforts of former Senator Roy C. "Bill" Lewellen, former Surgeon  
25 General of the United States Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, and the Arkansas  
26 Legislative Black Caucus; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the mission of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is to  
29 ensure that all minority Arkansans have equitable access to preventive health  
30 care; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission seeks ways to promote  
33 health and prevent diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority  
34 populations; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission supports its mission



1 by studying issues related to the delivery of and access to health services  
2 for minorities in Arkansas, identifying gaps in health service delivery that  
3 mainly impact minorities, making recommendations to relevant agencies and to  
4 the General Assembly for improving delivery of and access to health services  
5 for minorities, and researching to determine whether adequate services will  
6 be available to ensure future health needs of minorities in Arkansas; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the goal of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is to be a  
9 catalyst in bridging the gap in the health status of the minority population  
10 and that of the majority population in Arkansas; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission accomplishes this goal  
13 by addressing existing disparities in minority communities, educating these  
14 communities about healthier lifestyles, promoting awareness of services and  
15 accessibility within the healthcare system, and making recommendations to  
16 relevant agencies, the Governor, and the General Assembly; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission has partnered with the  
19 American Heart Association and promotes the efforts of Million Hearts to draw  
20 particular attention to the need for good heart health in minority  
21 communities in Arkansas,  
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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:  
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27 THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate honor the Arkansas  
28 Minority Health Commission during American Heart Month in February for its  
29 efforts to address heart disease among the minority populations of Arkansas.  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
32 provided to the leaders of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission by the  
33 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.  
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