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2 95th General Assembly
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5 By: Representatives M. Shepherd, Barker

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8 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF FORMER UNITED STATES
10 REPRESENTATIVE BERYL ANTHONY, JR.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF FORMER UNITED
15 STATES REPRESENTATIVE BERYL ANTHONY, JR.

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17 WHEREAS, former United States Representative Beryl Anthony, Jr.,
18 formerly of El Dorado, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the age
19 of eighty-six (86); and

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21 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was born in El Dorado, Arkansas, on
22 February 21, 1938, to Beryl Franklin Anthony, Sr. and Oma Lee Roark Anthony,
23 founders of the Anthony Forest Products Company; and

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25 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. received Bachelor of Science and Bachelor
26 of Arts degrees from the University of Arkansas in 1961, then in 1963 earned
27 his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law; and

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29 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was first elected to public office in 1970,
30 when he won the Union County prosecuting attorney's office, Thirteenth
31 Judicial District, a position he held from 1971 to 1976; and

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33 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was first elected to the United States
34 House of Representatives in 1978, serving until 1993, and was appointed to
35 many committees, including the House Ways and Means Committee, where he
36 championed legislation for improved rural healthcare and public



1 infrastructure; and

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3 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. led the way in helping Arkansas farmers as
4 well as municipal officials with tax-favored access to bond financing for
5 schools and other local needs; and

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7 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. worked with United States Senator Dale
8 Bumpers and United States Senator David Pryor in 1985 to renovate Fordyce
9 Bathhouse in Hot Springs to help revitalize downtown Hot Springs, and he
10 continued to advocate for funding for Hot Springs National Park in his role
11 as United States Representative; and

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13 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was known for his amiable personality and
14 keen intelligence, which enabled him to work effectively with both parties
15 during his many years of service as a political leader; and

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17 WHEREAS, while Beryl Anthony, Jr. was committed to improving the lives
18 of all Arkansans, he was well-known for being a devoted father and mentor to
19 his two (2) daughters, Alison Anthony Bethune and Lauren Anthony Cargill, and
20 a loving grandfather to his five (5) granddaughters; and

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22 WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. is survived by his wife, former Federal
23 Trade Commissioner and Assistant Attorney General of the United States Sheila
24 Anthony, and by his two (2) daughters and five (5) granddaughters,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the House of Representatives remember former United States
31 Representative Beryl Anthony, Jr. and recognize his commitment to hard work,
32 his enormous contributions to society, and his service to the State of
33 Arkansas and his local community.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
36 provided to the family of Beryl Anthony, Jr. by the Chief Clerk of the House

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