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8 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 TO REMEMBER YELLVILLE MAYOR SHAWN LANE FOR HIS MANY
10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF
11 ARKANSAS.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS
17 COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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19 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane, Mayor of the City of Yellville, passed away on
20 April 4, 2025; and

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22 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was born on May 25, 1969, in Yellville, Arkansas,
23 the son of Charlie and Madelyn Carlton; and

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25 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was a 1987 graduate of Yellville-Summit High School
26 and received his Associate of Arts degree from North Arkansas College; and

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28 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane married his beloved, Tonya Blair, on December 4,
29 1993, and two (2) wonderful daughters, McKenzi and Ryleigh, were born of the
30 marriage; and

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32 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane worked for Yelcot Communications for thirty-four
33 (34) years, beginning as a part-time employee in 1991 and finishing as Vice
34 President of Operations; and

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36 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was also a fixture in Marion County community



1 protection, serving as a patrolman for the City of Yellville, an investigator
2 for the Marion County Sheriff's Office, and holding the rank of Captain in
3 the Yellville Volunteer Fire Department for over seventeen (17) years, and he
4 also served an extended term as Marion County Deputy Coroner; and
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6 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was elected Mayor of the City of Yellville in 2007
7 and served as the city's mayor for over eighteen (18) years; and
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9 WHEREAS, during his time as Mayor of the City of Yellville, Shawn Lane
10 led the city in a fiscally responsible manner and led several city projects
11 and improvement initiatives for Yellville, including creation of a rail spur
12 for the industrial park, moving and renovating the train station into the
13 current Heritage Society, adding upgrades to and creating an endowment for
14 Yellville City Park, restoring and expanding Layton Cemetery, funding
15 firemen's pensions and the Yellville Volunteer Fire Department, renovating
16 Yellville City Hall, and adding sidewalks on the downtown square; and
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18 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane served on the Northwest Arkansas Economic
19 Development District, the Arkansas State Aid Street Committee, the Advisory
20 Board of the Yellville First Service Bank, the Board of Directors of the Twin
21 Lakes Community Foundation, and the Marion County Healthcare Association, and
22 was a longtime member of the Yellville Chamber of Commerce, through which he
23 was awarded Citizen of the Year in 2008 and 2013; and
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25 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane could be found cooking hamburgers at Yellville-
26 Summit Panthers football games on Friday nights for over fifteen (15) years,
27 and he loved to host and grill out, bringing people together with his amazing
28 cooking and easygoing hospitality; and
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30 WHEREAS, Yelcot Communications President Sara Zimmerman said of Shawn
31 Lane, "Shawn oversaw many fiber construction projects in a six-county area.
32 The major one was a one-hundred-fifty-three-mile fiber project from west of
33 Yellville to the White County line south of Batesville that also connected to
34 Mountain View. He was very proud of the Fiber-to-the-Home projects . . . that
35 will provide high quality internet to all of our customers . . . Shawn did
36 double duty working for Yelcot and being mayor of Yellville . . . Shawn's

1 passing is a large loss for Yelcot and the City of Yellville, but a greater
2 loss for his family"; and

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4 WHEREAS, Marion County Judge Jason Stumph described Shawn Lane as his
5 "mentor and brother in Christ" and said Shawn Lane had always been there for
6 him, and that as Mayor of the City of Yellville, Shawn Lane had a "passion
7 for always improving and bettering the city he loved"; and

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9 WHEREAS, Shawn Lane will be remembered as an esteemed businessman, a
10 community servant, and a man with a kind heart, an unwavering sense of humor,
11 and a passion for family, and the community will miss him dearly,

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13 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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17 THAT the House of Representatives remember Yellville Mayor Shawn Lane
18 for his many contributions to his community and to the State of Arkansas.

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Shawn Lane by the Chief Clerk of the House of
22 Representatives.