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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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24 CAREER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
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26 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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28 WHEREAS, Lorie Tudor has been employed by the Arkansas Department of
29 Transportation for forty-one (41) years, during which time she became the
30 first female director of the department in 2020; and

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32 WHEREAS, Director Tudor became a Clerk Typist in the Equipment and
33 Procurement Division, thus beginning her career within the department; and

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35 WHEREAS, Director Tudor worked at the department for thirteen (13)
36 years before deciding to explore the possibility of becoming an engineer,



1 which began with taking night classes; and

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3 WHEREAS, after discovering her love of and affinity for mathematics,
4 Director Tudor quit her job with the department in order to obtain a
5 bachelor's degree in civil engineering, often driving several hours between
6 Little Rock and Memphis, Tennessee, in order to complete classes at the
7 University of Memphis, all while maintaining her role as a wife and mother;
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10 WHEREAS, upon graduating from the University of Memphis, Director Tudor
11 accepted a job with the department as a Civil Engineer I in its Planning and
12 Research Division; and

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14 WHEREAS, while at the department, Director Tudor quickly rose in ranks
15 and passed her professional engineer exam on the first try; and

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17 WHEREAS, according to Director Tudor, one of her biggest projects at
18 the department was transforming a cash forecast system, which took her two
19 (2) years and coordination between the Information Technology and Fiscal
20 Services Divisions; and

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22 WHEREAS, Director Tudor oversaw countless projects during her time at
23 the department, including leading during the Hernando de Soto Bridge closure
24 on Interstate 40, reorganizing the department to streamline operations and
25 better serve the public in an efficient and responsive manner, and initiating
26 the design and development of the ARDOT Fallen Worker Memorial to honor those
27 individuals whose lives were lost in service to the people of the State of
28 Arkansas; and

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30 WHEREAS, Director Tudor received numerous awards throughout her career
31 at the department, including being inducted into the University of Arkansas's
32 Academy of Civil Engineering in 2018, receiving the American Association of
33 State Highway and Transportation Officials' Alfred E. Johnson Achievement
34 Award in 2019, and receiving the Associated General Contractors of Arkansas
35 SIR (Skill, Integrity, Responsibility) Award in 2024; and

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1 WHEREAS, Director Tudor became director of the department only a few
2 weeks after the outbreak of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), thus being thrust
3 into managing not only one of the largest departments in the State of
4 Arkansas, but also the health and well-being of thousands of department
5 employees and the continuation of day-to-day services that were essential for
6 the operation of the state's transportation system; and

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8 WHEREAS, when asked about her career and impact on the department,
9 Director Tudor stated, "Women must be confident in who they are and not be
10 apologetic for being a woman. Be yourself, whomever that is. People will
11 respond to your genuineness .. Hard work and having a dream go a long way .
12 . . I know that there is a purpose for me being here, because if you look at
13 it on paper, I shouldn't be here. Sometimes I think, 'What am I doing at
14 this desk, how did this happen?' Deep down, I'm still that little clerk-
15 typist that was struggling to make ends meet . . . Anything worth achieving
16 is not going to be easy."; and

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18 WHEREAS, Director Tudor has inspired countless individuals, especially
19 women, to pursue careers in engineering and similar fields, demonstrating
20 that ambition and determination can break barriers and redefine
21 possibilities; and

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23 WHEREAS, Director Tudor's leadership, resilience, kindness, and
24 tenacity will leave a lasting impact on the State of Arkansas, and her
25 influence will continue to resonate for years to come,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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31 THAT the House of Representatives recognize Arkansas Department of
32 Transportation Director Lorie Tudor and her positive impact on the State of
33 Arkansas.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
36 provided to Director Tudor by the Chief Clerk of the House of

1 Representatives.

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/s/J. Mayberry

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