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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE LORIE TUDOR FOR HER 41-YEAR CAREER WITH
10 THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
11 POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

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

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27 WHEREAS, Director Tudor worked at the department for thirteen (13)
28 years before deciding to explore the possibility of becoming an engineer,
29 which began with taking night classes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, when asked about her career and impact on the department,

1 Director Tudor stated, "Women must be confident in who they are and not be
2 apologetic for being a woman. Be yourself, whomever that is. People will
3 respond to your genuineness .. Hard work and having a dream go a long way .
4 . . I know that there is a purpose for me being here, because if you look at
5 it on paper, I shouldn't be here. Sometimes I think, 'What am I doing at
6 this desk, how did this happen?' Deep down, I'm still that little clerk-
7 typist that was struggling to make ends meet . . . Anything worth achieving
8 is not going to be easy."; and
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10 WHEREAS, Director Tudor has inspired countless individuals, especially
11 women, to pursue careers in engineering and similar fields, demonstrating
12 that ambition and determination can break barriers and redefine
13 possibilities; and
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15 WHEREAS, Director Tudor's leadership, resilience, kindness, and
16 tenacity will leave a lasting impact on the State of Arkansas, and her
17 influence will continue to resonate for years to come,
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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 THAT the House of Representatives recognize Arkansas Department of
24 Transportation Director Lorie Tudor and her positive impact on the State of
25 Arkansas.
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
28 provided to Director Tudor by the Chief Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives.
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