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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO REQUIRE THAT
11 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECT A
12 MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS A
13 DESIGNATED SURVIVOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Section 11. of the Rules of the House of Representatives,
27 concerning the duties of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 11.(r)(1)(A) Appoint, before any joint meeting of the House of
30 Representatives and the Senate at which all members of the General Assembly
31 and the constitutional officers are invited, a member of the House of
32 Representatives to serve as the designated survivor.

33 (B) As used in this subsection, "designated survivor"
34 means a member of the House of Representatives who will succeed to the office
35 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and in whom all powers,
36 duties, and emoluments of the office of the Speaker of the House of



1 Representatives shall be bestowed in case of the death, illness, incapacity,
2 or other inability to serve of the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3 and a majority of the members of the House of Representatives.

4 (C) In case of the death, illness, incapacity, or other
5 inability to serve of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and a
6 majority of the members of the House of Representatives, the designated
7 survivor shall serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives until the
8 inability of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve is removed
9 or another individual is elected and qualified to the office of the Speaker
10 of the House of Representatives.

11 (D) A member selected to be the designated survivor shall
12 meet the following eligibility requirements:

13 (i) Have a seniority ranking in the top one third
14 (1/3) of the House of Representatives; and

15 (ii) Meet all qualifications to serve as Governor
16 under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 5.

17 (2)(A) On the day of the joint meeting, the designated survivor
18 shall remove himself or herself from the State Capitol Building at least one
19 (1) hour before the start of the joint meeting to a location at least five
20 (5) miles away from the State Capitol Building and shall not return to the
21 State Capitol Building until at least one (1) hour after the conclusion of
22 the joint meeting.

23 (B)(i) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
24 notify the Division of Emergency Management of the appointment of the
25 designated survivor and work with the division on selection of an appropriate
26 location for the designated survivor during the joint meeting.

27 (ii) The location of the designated survivor on the
28 day of the joint meeting shall not be the designated survivor's place of
29 residence.

30 (3)(A) If attendance is taken at the joint meeting, the
31 designated survivor shall be announced and counted as present at the joint
32 meeting and any other meeting of a legislative body of which he or she is a
33 member that is held on the day of the joint meeting.

34 (B) The designated survivor shall count towards a quorum
35 at any meeting of a legislative body of which he or she is a member that is
36 held on the day of the joint meeting.

1 (C) The designated survivor is eligible for mileage and
2 per diem related to his or her service as the designated survivor.

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