

1 State of Arkansas  
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HR 1018

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5 By: Representative Wardlaw

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE MCGEHEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A 2024  
10 EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT GAP CLOSING SCHOOLS NATIONAL  
11 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL.

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16 AS A 2024 EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT GAP  
17 CLOSING SCHOOLS NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON  
18 SCHOOL.

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20 WHEREAS, McGehee Elementary School was recognized by the United States  
21 Department of Education as an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools  
22 National Blue Ribbon School in 2024; and

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24 WHEREAS, recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School is an impressive  
25 honor based on a school's performance, with Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing  
26 Schools recognized for excelling in narrowing achievement gaps between  
27 different student groups and the overall student body; and

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29 WHEREAS, National Blue Ribbon Schools serve as models of effective  
30 school practices for state and district educators and other schools  
31 throughout the nation; and

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33 WHEREAS, McGehee Elementary School was recognized by the United States  
34 Department of Education as having a strong collaboration with parents,  
35 families, teachers, administrators, and the community towards its efforts in  
36 educating the school's students; and



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WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said, "The National Blue Ribbon Schools Award is a testament to the exceptional achievements of students and educators at each of these schools. The 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools are raising the bar for our nation's students, serving as models for effective teaching and intentional collaboration in their schools and communities. As we celebrate their achievements, let us look to these schools for inspiration as we champion education as the foundation of a brighter future for every child"; and

WHEREAS, McGehee Elementary School not only addresses academics but also addresses the students' social, emotional, and physical needs through endeavors such as the provision of needed clothing, food, and assistance at Christmas, mental health referrals, and extra school guidance counselors; and

WHEREAS, McGehee Elementary School utilizes a systemic approach to address a student's academic deficits, including tutoring, interventions, inclusive practices, high-quality instructional materials, and highly effective teachers; and

WHEREAS, in addition, McGehee Elementary School emphasizes reading and focuses on promoting literacy with not only the students but also with their parents and the community; and

WHEREAS, McGehee Elementary School is a community and family-oriented school, using all funding and available resources to accomplish outstanding student achievement and growth while also holistically addressing the needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, McGehee Elementary School has a student population of five hundred forty (540) in kindergarten through grade five (K-5); and

WHEREAS, the students and staff of McGehee Elementary School deserve to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to education that led to this incredible achievement,

1 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the House of Representatives recognize McGehee Elementary School  
6 as an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools National Blue Ribbon School  
7 in 2024.

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be  
10 provided to McGehee Elementary School Principal Elizabeth Robinson by the  
11 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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