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HR 1031

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE SIDNEY MONCRIEF FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
10 HIS COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND THE NATION.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, THE  
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND THE NATION.

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18 WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief is one of the greatest basketball players and  
19 community leaders in Arkansas history; and

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21 WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief was born in a housing project in rural western  
22 Little Rock on September 21, 1957, and was raised by his mother on her modest  
23 salary earned as a cleaning woman at Howard Johnson hotels; and

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25 WHEREAS, despite prior desegregation orders and efforts, Little Rock  
26 was still racially segregated in many ways while Sidney Moncrief was growing  
27 up in the city; and

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29 WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief credits membership in a Boy Scouts of America  
30 troop and hard work in his family's garden with helping him escape being  
31 drawn into a life of crime in his rough neighborhood; and

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33 WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief began playing basketball in grade seven (7) at  
34 Dunbar Junior High School, but did not make the varsity team until grade nine  
35 (9) at Booker Junior High School; and

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1           WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief made the varsity team at Hall High School and,  
2 as a senior, was named to several high school All-American teams; and

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4           WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief was recruited upon his high school graduation  
5 by Louisiana State University, Arkansas State University, and the University  
6 of Arkansas at Fayetteville, but he chose the University of Arkansas at  
7 Fayetteville because of its new coach, Eddie Sutton, who was ushering in  
8 novel ideas about how to play the game of basketball; and

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10           WHEREAS, while the six-foot, four-inch (6'4") Sidney Moncrief played  
11 basketball at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, his signature  
12 playing style with team members Ron Brewer and Marvin Delph earned them the  
13 moniker "The Triplets" throughout the nation; and

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15           WHEREAS, in 1977, Sidney Moncrief and his teammates won the Southwest  
16 Conference Championship, and in 1978, the team made it to the Final Four  
17 bracket of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship; and

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19           WHEREAS, in 1979, after the Razorbacks lost a painfully close game to  
20 Indiana State University at the National Collegiate Athletic Association  
21 Championship, Larry Bird of the Indiana State University team, later to be  
22 famed as a power forward for the Boston Celtics, praised Sidney Moncrief as  
23 having strength, perfect form, and a great understanding of the game of  
24 basketball; and

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26           WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief was the first basketball player in University  
27 of Arkansas at Fayetteville history to have his jersey number retired, and,  
28 along with Corliss Williamson, is one (1) of only two (2) basketball players  
29 in University of Arkansas at Fayetteville history ever to be so honored; and

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31           WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Arkansas at  
32 Fayetteville in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in physical education, Sidney  
33 Moncrief entered the National Basketball Association draft and was chosen  
34 fifth overall and as the first-round draft pick of the Milwaukee Bucks; and

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36           WHEREAS, during his ten (10) years playing for the Milwaukee Bucks,

1 Sidney Moncrief averaged sixteen and seven-tenths (16.7) points per game and  
2 over fifty percent (50%) in field goal percentage, and he was twice named the  
3 National Basketball Association's Defensive Player of the Year; and  
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5 WHEREAS, a Milwaukee newspaper poll overwhelmingly ranked Sidney  
6 Moncrief as the favorite Milwaukee Bucks player of all time, beating out even  
7 such legendary players as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Oscar Robertson; and  
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9 WHEREAS, legendary professional basketball player Michael Jordan said  
10 of Sidney Moncrief, "He'll hound you everywhere you go, both ends of the  
11 court. You just expect it"; and  
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13 WHEREAS, after coming out of retirement to play one (1) season with the  
14 Atlanta Hawks before fully retiring from the National Basketball Association,  
15 Sidney Moncrief bought Buick dealerships in North Little Rock and Pine Bluff  
16 and also worked for the Dallas Mavericks, the Golden State Warriors, and the  
17 Milwaukee Bucks in various coaching capacities; and  
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19 WHEREAS, in his professional life after his professional basketball  
20 career, Sidney Moncrief also operates the Back 2 Basics All-Star Basketball  
21 Academy for youth and coaches to provide skills and wellness training and was  
22 the head coach of the Fort Worth Flyers of the National Basketball  
23 Developmental League as well as the head coach at the University of Arkansas  
24 at Little Rock; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief has also been part of the broadcast team for  
27 the Milwaukee Bucks for Fox Sports Network Wisconsin, and in 2017 he and his  
28 wife launched the Moncrief Career Professional Development Center in Little  
29 Rock; and  
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31 WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief was elected to the Arkansas Sports Hall of  
32 Fame in 1993, the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, and the Naismith  
33 Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019; and  
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35 WHEREAS, while attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville,  
36 Sidney Moncrief married his wife Debra with whom he has four (4) sons; and

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WHEREAS, Sidney Moncrief is renowned as an Arkansas community and professional leader, brought great renown to the State of Arkansas through his mastery of the game of basketball, and remains one of the most beloved and respected citizens of the State of Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives recognize Sidney Moncrief for his contributions to his community, the State of Arkansas, and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to Sidney Moncrief by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.