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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE HMONG COMMUNITY OF ARKANSAS AND THE
10 CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITS PEOPLE TO THEIR CULTURE AND TO
11 OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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20 WHEREAS, the Hmong community is a group of caring and hardworking
21 individuals who have acculturated into the area by becoming productive
22 members of the communities in which they live; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Hmong community numbers approximately two thousand five
25 hundred (2,500) members in northwest Arkansas, one thousand (1,000) members
26 in Sebastian County, five hundred (500) members each in Pulaski and Pike
27 Counties, and two hundred fifty (250) members in Madison County; and

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29 WHEREAS, Hmong community members are agriculturists, teachers, law
30 enforcement officers, poultry and livestock producers, and healthcare workers
31 who look for ways to be productive in society while also working to preserve
32 their culture through teaching the next generations about their language,
33 customs, and traditions; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Hmong New Year celebration marks the end of the harvest
36 festival; and



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WHEREAS, the Hmong New Year is a huge celebration in which the Hmong people wear traditional embroidered clothing, traditional food is served, traditional games are played, sports competitions are held, dancing and music is performed, and there is courtship between young people; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong community in northwest Arkansas has a forty-acre property in Summers, Arkansas, that is used for the Hmong New Year celebration and other events, and this is a great place for the community to assemble and live out their mission of preserving and teaching the next generation their cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, during the Laotian Civil War, also known as the Secret War, which took place during the time of the Vietnam War, the Hmong people rescued downed United States pilots and ground infantry, protected a United States radar called "Lima Site 85", and attacked North Vietnamese soldiers on the Ho Chi Minh Trail to prevent them from getting to South Vietnam, operations which saved thousands of American and Laotian lives; and

WHEREAS, when these brave Hmong people were under threat from the advance of the North Vietnamese Army toward the Hmong base at Long Tieng in Laos, Central Intelligence Agency Paramilitary Operations Officer Jerrold B. "Jerry" Daniels organized the air evacuation into Thailand of his liaison, Hmong General Vang Pao, and more than two thousand (2,000) of Vang Pao's brave officers, soldiers, and their families; and

WHEREAS, thousands more Hmong people then fled across the Mekong River to Thailand and began living in refugee camps there, and because of the Hmong people's brave support of the United States's presence in Laos, Jerrold B. "Jerry" Daniels worked with these refugees to facilitate their safe resettlement in a number of nations, including the United States,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

1 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the Hmong community of
2 Arkansas and the contributions of its people to their culture and to our
3 communities in the State of Arkansas.
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