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5 By: Representative Henley
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO CELEBRATE THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF HOPE, ARKANSAS.
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12 **Subtitle**

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14 HOPE, ARKANSAS.
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16 WHEREAS, Hope, Arkansas, was a settlement founded on the Cairo and
17 Fulton Railroad in 1852, and received its "Hopeful" name in honor of the
18 youngest daughter of the Commissioner of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hope was incorporated April 8, 1875, and became a bustling and
21 growing community; and
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23 WHEREAS, Hope has endured and prospered throughout its one hundred
24 fifty (150) years, thriving on the backs of citizens past and present who
25 have and do instill a sense of community pride; and
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27 WHEREAS, Hope has been the birthplace of many who have achieved
28 prominence in the great State of Arkansas, nationally and internationally,
29 most notably former fortieth and forty-second Governor of Arkansas and former
30 forty-second President of the United States, the Honorable William Jefferson
31 "Bill" Clinton, and the former forty-fourth Governor of Arkansas, the
32 Honorable Michael Dale "Mike" Huckabee; and
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34 WHEREAS, always striving to improve the quality of life, the citizens
35 of Hope are successfully reviving their downtown, the heartbeat of any city,
36 and recently voted for improvements to the town's parks and the construction



1 of an indoor recreational facility; and

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3 WHEREAS, collaboration between Hope Public Schools and the University
4 of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana has resulted in more Hope High School seniors
5 graduating with associate degrees than any other city in Arkansas, which
6 serves as a model for the rest of the state; and

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8 WHEREAS, for much of its history, Hope has been known as “The Home of
9 the World’s Largest Watermelons”,

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11 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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15 THAT the House of Representatives take great pride in congratulating
16 Hope, Arkansas, on the celebration of its sesquicentennial and its great
17 legacy and hope for the future.

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