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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 TO REMEMBER BOB R. BROOKS, JR. AND TO RECOGNIZE HIS
10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION, TO THE STATE
11 OF ARKANSAS, AND TO THE UNITED STATES.

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14 **Subtitle**

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17 PROFESSION, TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,
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20 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. was born on September 18, 1962, and died on
21 February 11, 2024; and

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23 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. grew up in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and after
24 graduating from Southside High School, graduated from the Sam M. Walton
25 College of Business at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; and

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27 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. attended the University of Tulsa College of
28 Law and served for two (2) years on the Tulsa Law Review before graduating
29 with his Juris Doctorate in 1987; and

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31 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s career as a lifelong public servant began
32 in Washington, D.C. working as the Chief of Staff for former United States
33 Congressman Jay Dickey; and

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35 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. returned to his beloved state to serve the
36 State of Arkansas under Governor Mike Huckabee as the Director of the



1 Arkansas Ethics Commission; and

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3 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. was called back into national service in
4 helping to oversee the 2000 Florida recount on behalf of the Bush-Cheney
5 campaign; and

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7 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s institutional knowledge was recognized by
8 many and he was asked to and served as the Chief of Staff to former
9 Congressman Jim McCrery; and

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11 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s understanding and experience in national
12 politics was invaluable to others and Bob became a partner at Capitol Counsel
13 LLC, a Washington, D.C. lobbying and advocacy firm; and

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15 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. worked hard but found time to cheer on the
16 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Razorback sports teams and to spend
17 time golfing and horse racing; and

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19 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s heart never left the State of Arkansas
20 and in 2020 Bob returned to Arkansas to be closer to his family; and

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22 WHEREAS, Attorney General Tim Griffin named Bob R. Brooks, Jr. as Chief
23 Deputy Attorney General in 2023; and

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25 WHEREAS, Attorney General Tim Griffin, stated "As my Chief Deputy, he
26 was unrivaled in his intellect, strength of character, work ethic and love
27 for Arkansans, our office and the dozens of staff he led and managed"; and

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29 WHEREAS, United States Congressman French Hill stated on the floor of
30 the United States House of Representatives "Bob was a dedicated public
31 servant who represented all that is good in Arkansas through his
32 professionalism, his wit, and his great sense of humor"; and

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34 WHEREAS, both Attorney General Tim Griffin and Congressman French Hill
35 counted Bob R. Brooks, Jr. as a dear friend is greatly missed; and

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1 WHEREAS, the building formerly known as the Boyle Building will now be
2 known as the Bob R. Brooks, Jr. Justice Building and once the renovation is
3 complete will house the Attorney General and the staff offices as a lasting
4 tribute to his distinguished career and his impact on the state he deeply
5 loved; and
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7 WHEREAS, while Bob R. Brooks, Jr. cherished his work as a public
8 servant, he was most proud of serving as "Uncle Bob" to his nephew Ryan
9 Brooks Curry, and a dedicated son to his parents Bob and Cindy Brooks; and
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11 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. is survived by his parents, his sister,
12 Sabra Brooks Curry, his great nephew, Rex Grayson Curry, and many other
13 family members in Fort Smith; and
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15 WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. was preceded in death by his brother, Kevin
16 Patrick Brooks, his grandparents, Prentiss and Pearl Brooks and Joe and
17 Martha Rowene Jones; and
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19 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Arkansas are blessed to
20 have been served by Bob R. Brooks, Jr. in his capacity as a loyal and
21 dedicated public servant,
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23 NOW THEREFORE,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 THAT the Senate recognize Bob R. Brooks, Jr. for his dedication and
29 service to the State of Arkansas and to the United States.
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
32 provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Bob and Cindy Brooks.
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