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5 By: Senator J. Petty

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 13,  
10 2025, OF THE ROBERT W. JACK VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
11 POST 1322 IN THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, THE OLDEST  
12 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST IN ARKANSAS.

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15 **Subtitle**

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19 THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, THE OLDEST  
20 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST IN  
21 ARKANSAS.

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23 WHEREAS, veterans in the City of Van Buren and Crawford County,  
24 understanding the importance of providing support to veterans, service  
25 members, and their families, were granted a charter to organize a Veterans of  
26 Foreign Wars Post on February 13, 1925; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars traces its roots to 1899 when  
29 veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection founded  
30 local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service, as many  
31 veterans arrived home from war wounded or sick and found no medical care or  
32 veterans' pensions waiting for them; and

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34 WHEREAS, charter members of the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars  
35 Post 1322 representing veterans of the Spanish-American War were Charles  
36 Meador, Charles Blevins, and J.P. Brown; and



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WHEREAS, charter members of the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 representing veterans of World War I, also known as the Great War, were Hugh G. Pope, G.O. Gooding, A. Dewey Lewis, George R. Wood, Robert G. Boatright, Claude L. Sartain, W.A. Baxter, Frank X. Rooney, J.S. Kenny, T.J. Garner, W.E. Lynch, Roy R. Johnson, Roy Franklin, Hugo A. Seelbinder, Harry Line, Phillip Cornelius, and Allen Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the charter members of the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 unanimously chose to honor the memory of Robert W. Jack because Jack gave his life on September 22, 1918, during the waning hours of the Battle of Saint-Miheil in France, and was a good friend to charter member Hugh G. Pope; and

WHEREAS, the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 rapidly became a beacon of hope and support for veterans that served in the Spanish-American War and World War I; and

WHEREAS, for the past one hundred (100) years, the dedication of the charter members of the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 has created more than a building or organization for veterans; it is a place veterans can call home and a place that provides essential services to men and women who have served the nation in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 predated the establishment of the Department of Arkansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and is currently the oldest Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 began work on Vision 2025, a project encompassing construction of a facility that will embody a comprehensive approach to health and support for veterans; and

WHEREAS, Vision 2025 will include a mental health clinic, a physical therapy clinic, and a physician's clinic as well as a Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency-certified storm shelter, a community room, a historical  
2 museum, and an outdoor walking trail; and

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4 WHEREAS, the mission of the Robert Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post  
5 1322 is to serve the veterans, citizens, and youth of the City of Van Buren  
6 and surrounding communities with existing programs such as OPERATION: Daily  
7 Battle, Hiking for Mental Health, Gaming Against PTSD, Voices of Democracy  
8 and Patriot's Pen youth essay contests, helping food-insecure veterans and  
9 their families with food and assistance with bills, and providing wheelchair-  
10 accessible ramps; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322  
13 recognizes the ongoing and changing needs of its veterans and adapts the  
14 services it provides to the needs of the veterans of the City of Van Buren  
15 and Crawford County; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 serves  
18 as a model for other Veterans of Foreign Wars posts throughout Arkansas and  
19 the nation,

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21 NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
23 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 THAT the Senate commemorate and celebrate the one hundredth anniversary  
26 of the Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 in the City of Van  
27 Buren.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
30 provided to Robert W. Jack Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1322 Commander  
31 Matthew Hicks by the Secretary of the Senate.

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