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5 By: Senator Gilmore

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO COMMEND RETIRED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
10 OF THE ARKANSAS RURAL ENDOWMENT FUND, INC., CHRIS
11 LAMPKIN, FOR HIS HONORABLE SERVICE ON THE BOARD AND
12 FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE
13 ARKANSAS RURAL ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.; AND TO APPROVE
14 AND CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
15 OF THE ARKANSAS RURAL ENDOWMENT FUND, INC., OF THE
16 HONORABLE S. REID HARROD, JR.

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19 **Subtitle**

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22 ENDOWMENT FUND, INC., CHRIS LAMPKIN; AND
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24 TO THE BOARD OF THE HONORABLE S. REID
25 HARROD, JR.

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27 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc., was established by
28 the General Assembly with the passage of Acts 1959, No. 27, as a private
29 nonprofit entity with the sole purpose of making affordable agricultural and
30 student loans to rural Arkansans; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc., has helped thousands
33 of Arkansans attain higher education in order to pursue their dreams; and

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35 WHEREAS, Chris Lampkin spent thirty (30) years working in banking and
36 agribusiness and following his service on the Board of Directors of the



1 Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc., has been General Manager of the Arkansas
2 Rural Endowment Fund, Inc., since January 2024; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Honorable S. Reid Harrod, Jr. is an Ashley County District
5 Judge who received his bachelor's degree at Hendrix College and his Juris
6 Doctorate at the University of Arkansas School of Law; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Honorable S. Reid Harrod, Jr. worked in private practice
9 before becoming a judge and also owns a family farm in Ashley County, factors
10 that, according to Chris Lampkin, "ensure that Judge Harrod will represent
11 the southeast corner of the state well"; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund,
14 Inc., consists of seven (7) members, and they are the final authority on
15 policy matters and direction of the Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc.; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation of the Arkansas Rural Endowment
18 Fund, Inc., set forth that its new directors be approved by the Senate after
19 their appointments,

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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 commend retired member of the Board of Directors of the
26 Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc., Chris Lampkin, for his honorable service
27 on the board and for his appointment as General Manager of the Arkansas Rural
28 Endowment Fund, Inc.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate approve and confirm the appointment of
31 the Honorable S. Reid Harrod, Jr. to the Board of Directors of the Arkansas
32 Rural Endowment Fund, Inc.