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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO WELCOME LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RETIRED) JAY B.
10 SILVERIA AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
11 SYSTEM.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO WELCOME LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RETIRED)
16 JAY B. SILVERIA AS PRESIDENT OF THE
17 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM.
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19 WHEREAS, after a national search, the Board of Trustees of the
20 University of Arkansas appointed Lieutenant General (Retired) Jay B. Silveria
21 to succeed Dr. Donald R. Bobbitt as President of the University of Arkansas
22 system beginning January 15, 2025; and
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24 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria brings a wealth of knowledge and
25 experience to the role of President from his lengthy career in military
26 leadership, including as the former Superintendent of the United States Air
27 Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and more recently from his
28 experience as Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Texas A&M
29 University's Bush School of Government & Public Service in Washington, D.C.;
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32 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria served as Deputy Commander,
33 Combined Air Force Air Component, United States Central Command, Southwest
34 Asia, where he was responsible for the command and control of air operations
35 in a twenty-nation area and where key operations Resolute Support in
36 Afghanistan and Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria were executed under his



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3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria previously served as Commander,
4 United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and
5 Vice Commander, Fourteenth Air Force, Air Forces Strategic Space Command at
6 Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, as well as Director of Security
7 Assistance in the Office of Security Cooperation in Baghdad, Iraq; and

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9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria is a command pilot with more than
10 three thousand nine hundred (3,900) flight hours in the F-15 and F-35 fighter
11 jets, and he commanded a fighter wing, an air and space operations center,
12 and a fighter squadron, earning the Distinguished Service Medal and a Bronze
13 Star Medal among other air medals during his career; and

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15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria earned a bachelor's degree from
16 the United States Air Force Academy and a master's degree from Syracuse
17 University, attended the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair in
18 Washington, D.C., was a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University, and
19 attended the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents at the Harvard Graduate
20 School of Education; and

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22 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria brings an extensive resume,
23 exceptional leadership skills, sound judgment, and steady temperament to
24 provide guidance and direction to the state's largest university system,
25 including twenty (20) campuses, divisions, and units across the state,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
29 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 THAT the Senate welcome Lieutenant General Jay B. Silveria as the next
32 President of the University of Arkansas system and offer its sincere
33 congratulations to him on his appointment.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
36 provided to Lieutenant General Silveria by the Secretary of the Senate.