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5 By: Senator F. Love  
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 17, 2025, AS JACK AND JILL OF  
10 AMERICA, INC., GREATER LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER DAY AT THE  
11 STATE CAPITOL AND CELEBRATE THE ORGANIZATION'S  
12 ENDURING COMMITMENT TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT,  
13 PHILANTHROPY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.  
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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 17, 2025, AS JACK AND  
18 JILL OF AMERICA, INC., GREATER LITTLE  
19 ROCK CHAPTER DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.  
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21 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a nationally esteemed  
22 organization with two hundred seventy-one (271) chapters spanning seven (7)  
23 geographical regions representing over fifty thousand (50,000) family members  
24 across the country; and  
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26 WHEREAS, through its annual programs guided by a national theme, Jack  
27 and Jill of America, Inc., fosters a legacy of leadership development,  
28 volunteerism, philanthropy, and civic responsibility, striving to create  
29 meaningful change in communities nationwide; and  
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31 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., was founded on January 24,  
32 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the late Marion Stubbs Thomas, who,  
33 along with twenty (20) visionary mothers, sought to establish an organization  
34 dedicated to providing social, cultural, and educational enrichment  
35 opportunities for African-American youth aged two to nineteen (2-19); and  
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1           WHEREAS, since its inception, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., has  
2 experienced remarkable growth, as like-minded mothers have formed new  
3 chapters across the globe united by a shared dedication to children and  
4 community empowerment; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation is the philanthropic  
7 branch of the organization and since its founding in 1968, the foundation has  
8 contributed millions of dollars to support communities nationwide, furthering  
9 its mission of service and outreach; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock  
12 Chapter proudly marks its twenty-fifth anniversary celebrating a legacy of  
13 service, education, philanthropy, and leadership development that has  
14 positively impacted children, families, and the broader Arkansas community;  
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17           WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock  
18 Chapter benefits from strong leadership, with Dr. Telischa Lewis serving as  
19 Chapter President, and her unwavering dedication to the organization's  
20 mission has enhanced its impact across the state; and  
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22           WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter is  
23 also distinguished by its representation on the national stage, with Suzanne  
24 Ornelas serving as National Editor, further showcasing its commitment to  
25 leadership and service at a broader level; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock  
28 Chapter is a part of the Central Region, which encompasses seventeen (17)  
29 chapters across seven (7) states, stretching from the banks of the  
30 Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains under the dedicated leadership of  
31 Central Region Director Torii Ransome Freeman; and  
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33           WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes and honors organizations that exemplify  
34 excellence in community service, particularly those such as Jack and Jill of  
35 America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter, whose work uplifts and  
36 strengthens the future of Arkansas by investing in its youth and fostering

1 leadership,

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
5 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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7 THAT the Senate recognize March 17, 2025, as Jack and Jill of America,  
8 Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter Day at the State Capitol and celebrate the  
9 organization's profound contributions to communities nationwide and enduring  
10 commitment to youth development, philanthropy, and community service, which  
11 continue to create lasting positive change.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
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