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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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10 LITTLE ROCK FOR HER REMARKABLE GIFTS AND INCREDIBLE
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22 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers of Little Rock began swimming when she was
23 four (4) years old with the Arkansas Dolphins Swim Team, breaking her first
24 state record at the age of seven (7); and

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26 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers began losing her vision when she was sixteen
27 (16) years old, a condition she noticed upon waking up with blurry vision one
28 day, and which led to a diagnosis of Multiple Mitochondrial Gene Deletion
29 Syndrome; and

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31 WHEREAS, this condition has progressed over the last five-and-one-half
32 (5 1/2) years, rendering Olivia Chambers legally blind; and

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34 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers was the Paralympic Champion, winning gold in
35 the women's four-hundred-meter freestyle S13 at the 2024 Paralympic Games in
36 Paris, France; and



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2 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers also earned two (2) silver medals in the
3 women's two-hundred-meter individual medley SM13 and women's one-hundred-
4 meter breaststroke SB13 at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris, France; and
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6 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers earned two (2) silver medals and four (4)
7 bronze medals at the 2023 Para Swimming World Championships in Manchester,
8 England; and
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10 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers currently holds seven (7) Para Swimming
11 American records and two (2) Para Swimming world records, and is an eight-
12 time medalist at World Para Swimming Series meets; and
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14 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers is an eight-time champion at the United States
15 Paralympics Swimming National Championships; and
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17 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers was a bronze medalist in the four-hundred-yard
18 individual medley at the 2025 Missouri Valley Conference Championships; and
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20 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers made the Missouri Valley Conference Swimming
21 and Diving Scholar-Athlete Team in 2023, 2024, and 2025, made the All-
22 Missouri Valley Conference First Team in 2025, earned the Missouri Valley
23 Conference's Most Courageous Award in 2024, and earned an All-Missouri Valley
24 Conference Honorable Mention in 2023; and
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26 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers is a 2017 graduate of the Anthony School and a
27 2021 graduate of Mount St. Mary Academy, and now attends the University of
28 Northern Iowa, where she is in the Honors College with a double major in
29 biology and psychology; and
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31 WHEREAS, Olivia Chambers is the daughter of Alison and Brad Chambers of
32 Little Rock, and she has one (1) brother, Mason, and one (1) sister, Emerson,
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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
36 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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 THAT the Senate recognize Paralympic medalist Olivia Chambers of Little Rock for her remarkable gifts and incredible achievements that bring renown to her and to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Olivia Chambers by the Secretary of the Senate.