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8 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF SENATOR GARY DON STUBBLEFIELD
10 AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
11 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.
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17 MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
18 ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.
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20 WHEREAS, Arkansas State Senator Gary Don Stubblefield, formerly of
21 Branch, passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the age of seventy-four
22 (74); and
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24 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield was born on February 28, 1951, in
25 Charleston, Arkansas, to H.T. "Tottie" Stubblefield and Beulah Mae
26 Stubblefield; and
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28 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield was raised on a small family farm on
29 Mill Creek Mountain, before his family moved to a farm in Branch, where his
30 family cleared the land by hand and raised Holstein milk cows; and
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32 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield would milk cows before and after
33 school each day, and would ride his bicycle for two (2) miles each way to
34 catch a school bus to and from the County Line school, where he played
35 basketball in junior and senior high; and
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1 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield attended the University of Arkansas
2 in Fayetteville where he successfully walked on to the Arkansas Razorbacks
3 football team, despite having never played football as County Line schools
4 did not have a football program at that time; and
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6 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield had a successful football career
7 with the Arkansas Razorbacks football team as a cornerback and on special
8 teams and with whom he played in the Liberty Bowl and the Cotton Bowl; and
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10 WHEREAS, while attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville,
11 Senator Gary Stubblefield met his wife, Kathi, whom he married in 1974, and
12 with whom he raised his daughter, Amber, and son, Joshua, while running his
13 family dairy farm; and
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15 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield subsequently began a life of public
16 service, serving as a Justice of the Peace on the Franklin County Quorum
17 Court, as a member of the School Board of the County Line School District, as
18 a member of the Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board, to which he was appointed
19 by Governor Mike Huckabee, as a board member of the SFA Farmers Co-Op, as a
20 member of the National Association of Christian Lawmakers, and as a member of
21 the Convention of States; and
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23 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield was elected to the House of
24 Representatives as Representative for House District 67 in 2011, where he
25 served a single term before running for election in the Senate; and
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27 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield was elected to the Senate in 2013,
28 where he served as Senator for Senate District 23 until his passing in 2025;
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31 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator Gary Stubblefield
32 served as Chair of the City, County and Local Affairs Committee, as Chair of
33 the Senate Committee on Judiciary, and as Vice-Chair of the Game and
34 Fish/State Police Subcommittee of the Legislative Council; and
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36 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator Gary Stubblefield

1 served as a member of the Legislative Council, the Claims Review Subcommittee
2 of the Legislative Council, the Charitable, Penal and Correctional
3 Institutions Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the Highway Commission
4 Review and Advisory Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the Joint Budget
5 Committee, the State Insurance Programs Oversight Subcommittee, the Senate
6 Committee on Judiciary, the Senate Efficiency Committee, the Joint Committee
7 on Energy, the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, and the Committee on
8 Counties and Municipalities of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee; and
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10 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield was known for his strong faith and
11 diligence, and was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Branch,
12 which he became a member of in 1976, and where he served as a deacon, as
13 Sunday school superintendent, and as a Sunday school youth boys' teacher for
14 thirty-four (34) years; and
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16 WHEREAS, Senator Gary Stubblefield is survived by his wife of fifty-one
17 (51) years, Kathi Stubblefield, by his two (2) children, Amber Sullivan and
18 Joshua Stubblefield, and by his ten (10) grandchildren,
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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 THAT the House of Representatives remember Senator Gary Don
25 Stubblefield and recognize his enormous contributions to the State of
26 Arkansas and to his local community.
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
29 copy be provided to Kathi Stubblefield and family by the Chief Clerk of the
30 House of Representatives.
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