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HR 1052

8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RESCIND THE ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE CHAMBER OF  
10 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE  
11 FOR ITS ANNUAL MEETING.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
17 BY ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE FOR ITS ANNUAL  
18 MEETING.  
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20 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives authorized access to and use of  
21 the Chamber of the House of Representatives for the 2025 and 2026 meetings of  
22 Arkansas Girls State in House Resolution 1048 during the 2025 Regular Session  
23 of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas Girls State regularly requests access to the Chamber  
26 of the House of Representatives for their sessions that take place in the  
27 State Capitol Building; and  
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29 WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the members of the House of  
30 Representatives that several outstanding young women, who are both qualified  
31 to participate and who were chosen by their schools to be delegates, have  
32 been denied the opportunity to participate in Arkansas Girls State due to  
33 inadvertent administrative oversights in the application process; and  
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35 WHEREAS, the denial of these outstanding young women is based upon the  
36 actions of schools and educators who, despite their best intentions and



1 diligent efforts, missed the application deadline for Arkansas Girls State;  
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4 WHEREAS, the adults responsible for missing deadlines have taken full  
5 responsibility for their errors; and

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7 WHEREAS, Arkansas Girls State embodies the ideas of civic engagement,  
8 leadership, and public service and is a source of pride for communities and a  
9 formative experience for young women across Arkansas; and

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11 WHEREAS, it would be both a profound disappointment and a loss for the  
12 people of Arkansas to deny deserving students the ability to participate in  
13 Arkansas Girls State when that program has proven to be transformative for  
14 many future leaders,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 THAT the House of Representatives rescind access to and use of the  
21 Chamber of the House of Representatives for the 2026 meeting of Arkansas  
22 Girls State.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Arkansas Girls State shall not utilize the bill  
25 drafting services of the Bureau of Legislative Research during the 2026  
26 meeting of Arkansas Girls State.

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
29 determines that the American Legion Auxiliary has allowed the young women  
30 denied participation due to administrative oversights to participate in the  
31 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State, this resolution shall be rescinded, the  
32 authorization for access to and use of the Chamber of the House of  
33 Representatives under House Resolution 1048 of the 2025 regular session shall  
34 be restored, and Arkansas Girls State shall have access to the bill drafting  
35 services of the Bureau of Legislative Research during the 2026 meeting of  
36 Arkansas Girls State.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives strongly urges the American Legion Auxiliary to reconsider any decision that would prevent the participation of those young women who, despite both being qualified to participate and being selected by their schools as delegates, have been denied the opportunity to participate in Arkansas Girls State.