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HR 1018

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5 By: Representative Lundstrum

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO REMEMBER MR. MARION EDWARD JOHNSON AND TO
9 RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO REMEMBER MR. MARION EDWARD JOHNSON AND
14 TO RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Marion Edward Johnson was born on December 3, 1930, and
22 died on December 18, 2022; and

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24 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson will be remembered for his love of God, family,
25 and music. He will be remembered also as a woodworking craftsman who made a
26 lasting impact in Arkansas; and

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28 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's love of the fiddle led to his serving as the
29 President of the Arkansas Old Time Fiddlers Association. Mr. Johnson was
30 instrumental in getting the fiddle named the official musical instrument for
31 the State of Arkansas in 1985; and

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33 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's love of the fiddle and his craftsmanship in
34 woodworking resulted in Mr. Johnson creating the case for his fiddle that is
35 on display at the State Capitol; and



1 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's deft hand in woodworking was known among so many
2 Arkansans that in 2002 he was selected to craft the mockingbird ornament out
3 of wood for the White House State Christmas Tree; and
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson proudly served in the Korean War and received the
6 Purple Heart award among many other awards; and
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8 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a man of God and was a long-standing member,
9 deacon, and board member of the Harmony Baptist Church in Hunstville; and
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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson leaves behind his wife of sixty-nine (69) years,
12 Betty Carlene, children Cindy Gillespie, Cheryl Porter, Randall Johnson, and
13 Rebecca Sisemore, and numerous loved ones, family, and friends, who laughed
14 with and benefited from the joy of knowing Mr. Johnson,
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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 THAT the House of Representatives remember Mr. Marion Edward Johnson
21 for his service and dedication to the State of Arkansas and extend sincere
22 condolences to the family.
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
25 provided to the family by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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