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2 84th General Assembly
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5 By: Representative King

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**
9 **RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE MILLER FAMILY.**

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11 **Subtitle**

12 **RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE MILLER**
13 **FAMILY.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Reverend Abraham Miller of Helena and Eliza Ann Ross of
17 Arkadelphia married in 1887 and thus began the Miller family; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Millers were large property holders in Phillips County,
20 successful in *various businesses*, and contributed to the community in many
21 ways; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Miller served as a State Representative and led the
24 way for the Miller family's life of public service; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, *Because of Eliza A. Miller's belief in the benefits of*
27 *education, she started the first school for African Americans in Helena, the*
28 *Eliza Miller High School, and she was the first woman in Arkansas to build*
29 *and operate a motion picture theatre; and*

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31 **WHEREAS**, Eliza A. Miller's contributions to education and her
32 entrepreneurial achievements were recognized by being inducted into the
33 Arkansas Black Hall of Fame; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, *The tradition of public service and commitment to education is*
36 *carried on by their grandson, Dr. Robert D. Miller, Mayor of Helena, and a*



1 former Quorum Court member, by their granddaughter Maxine Miller, a retired
2 teacher and a member of the Helena City Council, and by Mayor Dr. Miller's
3 wife, sons, and daughter who are active in education and city and county
4 government; and

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6 WHEREAS, Eliza Miller's legacy to her family and today's black youth
7 is the value of an education, determination, and respect,

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9 That the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate
10 hereby recognizes and commends Eliza Miller and the Miller Family for their
11 leadership, being examples to the younger generation, their lifelong service
12 to their fellowman, and being exemplary citizens of the State of Arkansas.

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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN;

17 /s/ King
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