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5 By: Senator Argue
6 By: Representative C. Johnson

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE ARKANSAS
11 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION TOWARD
12 IMPROVING THE STATE'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
13 AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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15 **Subtitle**

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18 PUBLIC EDUCATION TOWARD IMPROVING THE
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21 DONE.

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23 WHEREAS, Act 1398 of 2001, sponsored by former State Senator John Riggs
24 of Little Rock, created the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Commission on Public
25 Education and charged it to define the components of the constitutional
26 mandate for "a general, suitable and efficient system of free public
27 schools", define an equitable and adequate system of free public education,
28 assess current efforts to improve the state's system of public education,
29 actively involve the private sector as full and valued partners in the
30 improvement process, and recommend legislation for the 2003 Regular Session
31 of the General Assembly; and

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33 WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Act 1398, the Governor,
34 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
35 Senate, the Chair of the House Interim Committee on Education, and the Chair
36 of the Senate Interim Committee on Education appointed the following



1 individuals to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission:

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3 Mr. Frank Anthony, Pine Bluff

4 Ms. Charlie Cole Chaffin, Benton

5 Ms. Judith G. Donovan, Searcy

6 Dr. Charles Dunn, Arkadelphia

7 Dr. Benny Gooden, Fort Smith

8 Dr. Reed Greenwood, Fayetteville

9 Mr. Gene Gregory, Arkansas City

10 Ms. Pat L. Harris, Bryant

11 Mr. Wayne Hartsfield, Searcy

12 Ms. Shelby Hillman, Carlisle

13 Mr. Randy Hughes, Delight

14 Mr. Phil Jones, Sr., Jonesboro

15 Dr. Don Love, Springdale

16 Mr. David Matthews, Rogers

17 Mr. Hugh McDonald, Little Rock

18 Ms. Kathy McFetridge, Springdale

19 Mr. Robert McGinnis, West Memphis

20 Dr. Martha McNair, Fayetteville

21 Mr. Kevin Moore, Russellville

22 Ms. Stacy Pittman, Little Rock

23 Ms. Alisia Ramirez-Hartz, Fayetteville

24 Mr. Ulicious Reed, Marvell

25 Mr. Larry Ross, North Little Rock

26 Mr. Keith Stokes, Dardanelle

27 Ms. Johnettee W. Walker, Wilmot

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29 WHEREAS, these Arkansans, lead by Mr. McGinnis and Ms. Pittman, came
30 together and worked diligently for thirteen (13) months to produce their
31 report, which was presented to a joint meeting of the House Interim Committee
32 on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education on July 18, 2002;
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35 WHEREAS, the report of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Commission on Public
36 Education has served a touchstone for the discussion of the changes and

1 improvements required to enhance the educational opportunities available to
2 the children of our state,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
6 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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8 That this resolution is adopted to recognize the contribution made by
9 the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Education toward improving the
10 state's system of public education and wish to express their sincere
11 appreciation for a job well done.