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HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS, John Phillip Carroll of Little Rock, Arkansas, died peacefully on Saturday, March 9, 2013, at the age of 87 in his own home in the presence of his beloved wife Diane; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on August 1, 1925, to Josephine and John Carroll and had one sister JoAnn; he graduated from Fort Smith High School in 1943, and a few months after receiving his diploma, Mr. Carroll received his notice to join the Army; and

WHEREAS, the years as a soldier never left him; he arrived at the front lines in Europe as a 19-year-old Squad Leader, Staff Sergeant, and spent his first Christmas Mass in Strasbourg bearing his service rifle; on a bitter cold snowy day in January 1945, Mr. Carroll, along with his unit, was captured by a German Army panzer division in the Battle of Hatten, which occurred just after the Battle of the Bulge; and he was captured and became a



German prisoner of war in Stalag IV-B until the war's end; and

WHEREAS, after returning from the war, Mr. Carroll attended the University of Arkansas where he completed his degree and earned a law degree on the GI Bill; he was a member of the Kappa Sigma and Delta Theta Phi fraternities; only 3 months after gaining a job with the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, Arkansas, he was called back to duty for the Korean War, but fate and friendship shined upon him; and his best friend, Jack Deacon, who was serving in the Pentagon, asked Mr. Carroll to join him in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, aside from his roles as a husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Carroll's most prized role was as a member of the Rose Law Firm; he joined the firm in 1950, which was then known as Rose, Meek, House, Barron and Nash; over the course of 63 years in practice, Mr. Carroll remained with the same firm, the oldest law firm on this side of the Mississippi River; and he believed that he practiced under and with some of the finest lawyers to ever practice in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, he was a lifelong member of the Pulaski County Bar Association and served as its president in 1967 and received the Lawyer Award in 1980; he was also active in the Arkansas Bar Association serving as its president in 1980-81, Foundation President in 1969, and Chairman of the Executive Committee; he earned numerous awards throughout his career, including the C.E. Ransick Award of Excellence, the Ike Scott Fellow Award, the Outstanding Lawyer of Arkansas Award, and the University of Arkansas Outstanding Alumnus Award; he was a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and a Member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association representing the Uniform Law Commission; and

WHEREAS, for most of his long career, Mr. Carroll served as a Uniform Law Commissioner on behalf of Arkansas, serving as president of the Uniform Law Commission from 1985 to 1987; he became a Life Member in 1989 and received the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Uniform Law Commission is the national organization that is responsible for studying and

developing the uniform laws adopted by the 50 states to govern issues from commercial law to family law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll was a charter member and Secretary of the Arkansas Supreme Court Jury Instruction Committee that developed the pattern instructions used by juries throughout the state today; he served as a Special Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court in 1979, taught Evidence and Trial Practice at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law in Little Rock, and taught Communications Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; he was a Charter Barrister in the William R. Overton Chapter of Inns of Court; and his devotion to practice and the Rose Law Firm ended only with his life, as he maintained a daily schedule at the firm until his death earlier this month; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll was a lifelong Catholic whose faith in the church never wavered; he attended Holy Souls Parish in Little Rock for more than 59 years serving as a lector, President of the Parish Council, President of the Little Rock Serra Club, President of the St. Thomas More Society, and President of the Allen School for Exceptional Children; and he was active in the Little Rock community serving as President of the National Conference on Christians and Jews, and the Health and Welfare Council of Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, the gleam in his eyes was reserved for one, his wife Diane, to whom he was married for almost 60 years; they met at a very young age and Mr. Carroll followed this beautiful Braniff flight attendant by car from airport to airport until she married him; they have been friends always, and the two of them together were warmth and light; the pair had 3 daughters, Becky Carroll (Linda Spink) of Washington, D.C.; Susan Minshall (Bob) of Dallas, Texas; and Elizabeth Bradbury (Jim) of Austin, Texas; and grandchildren, Margaret Payne (Trey), Grace and Ellen Minshall, and Sam and Jack Bradbury,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives acknowledges and memorializes the many contributions Mr. John Phillip Carroll made to the United States of America, the State of Arkansas, and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be presented to the family of Mr. Carroll by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

/s/J. Edwards