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HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE MEMORY PROJECT TEAM AT LITTLE ROCK
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
ACCOMPLISHMENT IN PUBLISHING "MAPPING THE ROAD TO
CHANGE: INSIGHTS ON PERCEPTIONS, PREJUDICE, &
ACCEPTANCE" AND FOR PRESERVING THE STORIES OF
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LIVED THROUGH THE STRUGGLE FOR
CIVIL RIGHTS.

Subtitle

COMMENDING THE MEMORY PROJECT TEAM AT
LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN PUBLISHING
"MAPPING THE ROAD TO CHANGE".

WHEREAS, Little Rock Central High School's Memory Project was created by teachers and students of Little Rock Central High School to obtain and preserve personal stories of individuals who have lived through historic and current civil rights struggles, not only at Central High School but across Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Central High Memory Project created a website to serve as a permanent online resource for students, teachers, historians, and families of those who shared their stories; and

WHEREAS, "Mapping the Road to Change: Insights on Perceptions, Prejudice, & Acceptance" (2012) is the second volume created through the Memory Project; the first volume, "Beyond Central, Toward Acceptance", was published in 2010; and



WHEREAS, "Mapping the Road to Change: Insights on Perceptions, Prejudice, & Acceptance" is a collection of oral histories of individuals who have lived through civil rights struggles, collected and written by Central High School ninth-grade civic students; and

WHEREAS, senior editors chose the essays in the book from over 300 reviewed, organized the essays into chapters, selected appropriate artwork, and wrote chapter commentaries under the guidance of three (3) social studies teachers; and

WHEREAS, teachers also created a list of lesson ideas to align with the Common Core State Standards; and

WHEREAS, "Mapping the Road to Change: Insights on Perceptions, Prejudice, & Acceptance" provides insights on perception, prejudice, and acceptance gained through oral histories collected by students of Little Rock Central High School; and

WHEREAS, "Mapping the Road to Change: Insights on Perceptions, Prejudice, & Acceptance" is dedicated to the Little Rock Nine, who first blazed the trail to change, and to the men and women who helped widen this path by openly sharing their personal experiences; and

WHEREAS, "Mapping the Road to Change: Insights on Perceptions, Prejudice, & Acceptance" has been praised by Dr. Judith A. Hayne, associate professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, as a book in which the "stories are moving and poignant, and the conclusions by the young journalists are heart-felt; thus, teens will be drawn into the lives of others who have weathered prejudice and turned it into acceptance"; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds generated by the sale of "Mapping the Road to Change: Insights on Perceptions, Prejudice, & Acceptance" will be added to the Memory Project Revolving Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Memory Project Revolving Loan Fund, a permanent fund,

exists to support future student research, publications, and interpretive works documenting the oral history of civil rights, teaching tolerance, promoting acceptance, fostering unity in the community, and building personal relationships enriched by equity and diversity; and

WHEREAS, the teachers, staff, administration, and Parent Teacher Student Association of Little Rock Central High School are deserving of special thanks for their generous help with the Memory Project Revolving Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Central High Memory Project honors Central High's legacy as a turning point in the struggle for civil rights both in our community and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Central High Memory Project acknowledges our obligations and opportunities to wear the mantle of change in positive ways in the future; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Memory Project Revolving Loan Fund is to open a door into history and encourage students to continue the process of change in race relations and civil rights in their own lives and communities,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives commends and congratulates the students, teachers, staff, administration, and Parent Teacher Student Association of Little Rock Central High School for their great accomplishment in publishing "Mapping the Road to Change: Insights on Perceptions, Prejudice, & Acceptance" and for their work in preserving the stories of individuals who have lived through historic and current civil rights struggles.