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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, municipal recycling programs designate various types of materials to be separated from the waste stream with the intent that these materials will be recycled by being reprocessed and returned to the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, a public trust exists when Arkansas citizens participate in municipal recycling programs and these citizens rightfully expect that the materials collected will in fact be recycled; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the materials collected for recycling by municipal recycling programs are not being recycled, either because collected materials are contaminated or there is no economically viable market for the materials; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the Natural State deserve transparency and accountability regarding the total volume of materials collected for recycling by a municipal recycling program and the percentage of that volume which is actually recycled and the percentage that is not recycled,



NOW THEREFORE,

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

That the General Assembly commends municipal recycling programs that honor the public trust by providing documentation of the volume and percentage of material that is actually recycled from the municipal program as well as the volume and percentage of material which is not recycled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Assembly encourages all municipal recycling programs to include transparency and accountability clauses in any solid waste collection agreements in order to assure citizens that materials collected for recycling are, in fact, being re-processed and returned to the marketplace.