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HR 1045

By: Representative Clemmer

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. CAL LEDBETTER FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENDOWMENT ENTITLED THE "UALR CAL LEDBETTER ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTE".

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Dr. Cal Ledbetter established an endowment entitled the "UALR Cal Ledbetter Arkansas Legislative Institute", dedicated to the promotion of a better understanding of the State of Arkansas and the branches of state government through scholarly study at the professional, graduate, and undergraduate levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter was born April 29, 1929, in Little Rock, Arkansas; received his undergraduate degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law; was stationed in Germany as a member of the United States Army Judge Advocate Corps from 1955 until 1957; and later earned a Ph.D. in political science from Northwestern University in 1961; and



WHEREAS, in 1960, Dr. Ledbetter joined the faculty as a full professor at Little Rock University, now the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and has served as Chair of the Department of Political Science and as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, now known as Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter is credited for helping to bring about the merger of Little Rock University with the University of Arkansas to create and found the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter retired from teaching in 1997 and currently serves as Professor Emeritus of Political Science; has been a generous benefactor to the university he helped to create, having donated more than \$1 million in scholarships and gifts to date; and in 2009, the university renamed the ballroom in the student center the Calvin R. Ledbetter Jr. Assembly Hall in his honor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his prestigious academic career, Dr. Ledbetter served 5 terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives, from 1967 to 1977; was a strong advocate of legislative reform, and chaired the joint Committee on Legislative Reorganization, which employed the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University to conduct a study to assist in the reorganization of the Arkansas General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ledbetter was elected as a delegate to the state Constitutional Convention of 1968-1970, and again as 1 of 4 vice presidents to the Constitutional Convention of 1978-1980; chaired the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Task Force after serving on the first NCSL Executive Committee and was later appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, a commission of the United States Department of Justice; and was a delegate to 2 Democratic National Conventions, in 1968 and 1984; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to publicly recognize and commend Dr. Cal Ledbetter on his innumerable contributions and continued support to the State of Arkansas by promoting a better understanding of state

government through his legislative institute,

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 recognizes Dr. Cal Ledbetter's commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and his local community, and commends him for his contributions and his establishment of the UALR Cal Ledbetter Arkansas Legislative Institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to Dr. Ledbetter by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

/s/Clemmer