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HOUSE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America clearly states that the Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and

WHEREAS, there are practices common in the United States such as the employment of Congressional chaplains or government recognition of holidays with religious significance and National Days of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, for 170 years following the ratification of the First Amendment, prayer in public schools was common; and

WHEREAS, prayer in school could result in societal benefits; and

WHEREAS, school prayer could help to address the needs of the whole person by reinforcing the values taught at home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, school prayer could allow students another opportunity to observe their religious beliefs during the school day beyond what they can do personally,

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 supports the position of voluntary prayer in public schools for the betterment of our children, our communities, and the State of Arkansas and to preserve the right of freedom of religion established by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America for the citizens of Arkansas.