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8 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 *TO HONOR CLARK TERRY, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO*
10 *MUSIC AND MUSIC EDUCATION THROUGH HIS CAREER AS A*
11 *JAZZ MUSICIAN, EDUCATOR, AND MENTOR; AND TO PROMOTE*
12 *THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC*
13 *EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.*

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16 **Subtitle**

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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 *WHEREAS, Clark Terry, Jr., was born on December 14, 1920, to Clark*
27 *Terry, Sr., and Mary Terry in St. Louis, Missouri, and he was the 7th of 11*
28 *children; and*

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30 *WHEREAS, Mr. Terry and his brother would make instruments out of*
31 *household items because they did not have the money to purchase an*
32 *instrument, and later Mr. Terry would become one of the most recorded*
33 *musicians in the history of jazz, making more than 900 recordings; and*

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35 *WHEREAS, in 1942, Mr. Terry enlisted in the United States Navy and*
36 *played with the United States Naval Band while stationed in Chicago,*



1 *Illinois, where he also began to play with professionals such as Charlie*
2 *Barnet, Lionel Hampton, and George Hudson; and*

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4 *WHEREAS, in 1959, Mr. Terry played with the Quincy Jones orchestra and*
5 *the next year, he accepted an invitation to join the Tonight Show band, where*
6 *he became the first African-American staff musician employed by the National*
7 *Broadcasting Company (NBC), and he remained a part of the Tonight Show band*
8 *for 12 years; and*

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10 *WHEREAS, Mr. Terry went on to perform for 8 United States Presidents*
11 *and to serve as a jazz ambassador for State Department tours in the Middle*
12 *East and Africa; and*

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14 *WHEREAS, Mr. Terry also collaborated with music icons Duke Ellington,*
15 *Charles Mingus, and Count Basie; and*

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17 *WHEREAS, Mr. Terry was mentored by Louis Armstrong, and Mr. Terry*
18 *became a mentor to generations of jazz players, including Miles Davis and*
19 *Wynton Marsalis; and*

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21 *WHEREAS, Mr. Terry received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for*
22 *his contributions to jazz music, 2 Grammy certificates, 3 Grammy Award*
23 *nominations, many honorary doctorates, and he was named a National Endowment*
24 *for the Arts Jazz Master; and*

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26 *WHEREAS, Mr. Terry's contributions to music education were as important*
27 *as his many recordings and collaborations, as the trumpeter spent years*
28 *teaching the art of jazz; and*

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30 *WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Terry and his wife, Gwen, retired to Pine Bluff,*
31 *Arkansas, where Mr. Terry taught as an adjunct professor at the University of*
32 *Arkansas at Pine Bluff and mentored music students; and*

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34 *WHEREAS, Mr. Terry passed away on February 21, 2015, in Pine Bluff,*
35 *Arkansas at 94 years of age; and*

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