

By: Representatives Jean, Fielding, Shepherd

By: Senator Maloch

**HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL
RESOLUTION**

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF THOMAS ARCHIE MONROE AND IN
RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Thomas Archie Monroe was born on November 23, 1909, and he passed away on February 3, 2015, at the age of 105, in Magnolia, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe graduated from Magnolia High School, and in 1929, he earned an associate of arts degree from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, then known as A&M College; he was one of the first recipients of the Golden Rider Distinguished Alumni Award and the oldest living graduate of the university at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, in 1931, Mr. Monroe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and then he moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, to begin a career in banking; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, Mr. Monroe returned to Magnolia to own and manage the Magnolia Insurance Agency, which was founded by his father in the early twentieth century; and



WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and returned to Magnolia after the war to continue managing the Magnolia Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe went on to serve as trust officer, and later president, of the First National Bank of Magnolia, now known as BancCorp South, and became one of five founders of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Magnolia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe was one of the first members of the Magnolia Rotary Club in 1939 and later served as its president; he was president of the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce in 1941 and in 1954; he was a member of the Columbia County Library Board and influential in establishing an excellent library system for Columbia County, Arkansas; he was a commissioner of the Magnolia Municipal Water System; he served for many years as a Trustee of the Magale Foundation based in Shreveport, Louisiana; and he was selected as Magnolia Citizen of the Year in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe spent most of his 105 years in Magnolia and has been described by his community as Magnolia's unofficial historian because of his wealth of knowledge about the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe is predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Elena Schley Monroe, his parents, Alice Couch Monroe and Thomas Ark Monroe, and his brother, Dr. Sanford Couch Monroe and his wife, Anne; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monroe is survived by his son, Thomas Ark Monroe, III, married to Nancy, of Little Rock, his daughter, Sarah Schley Jones, married to Chuck, of Batesville, Arkansas, his grandchildren, John Rowland Monroe, married to Leslie, of Little Rock, Christopher Couch Monroe, married to Stephanie, of Little Rock, Sarah Monroe Priebe, married to Jeff, of Little Rock, Thomas Alexander Jones of Batesville, Charles Martin Jones of Batesville, and great-grandchildren, Thomas Cooper Monroe of Little Rock, William Beane Monroe of Little Rock, Jenkins Howell Monroe of Little Rock, Jeffrey Thomas Priebe of Little Rock, and Phillip Martin Priebe of Little

Rock,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House of Representatives honors the memory of Thomas Archie Monroe and recognizes his contributions to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein, hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Monroe, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to the family of Mr. Monroe by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.