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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Oark General Store was established before 1890 and continues to operate today; and it is located east of Arkansas Highway 215 in Oark, Arkansas, in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, the Oark General Store's initial significance was due to its unique location in Oark, Arkansas, which had been historically isolated from the rest of the state given its topography; and the Oark General Store provided the Oark community access to luxuries and necessities that would have otherwise been unobtainable before modern transportation became readily accessible; and

WHEREAS, the Oark General Store is historically significant as a central meeting place and market for early settlers and trappers; and

WHEREAS, the Oark General Store was included in the Arkansas Register of Historic Places in 1995; and



WHEREAS, the Oark General Store operates presently as the oldest continuing business of its kind in Arkansas and is deserving of public recognition and appreciation,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives recognizes the historical significance of the Oark General Store as the oldest continuing business in the state of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Oark General Store's owners, Brian and Reagan Eisele, who recently celebrated the arrival of their daughter, Cecilia, on November 30, 2014.