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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO HONOR ARKANSAS NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS
AND TO RECOGNIZE THEIR POSITIVE IMPACT ON ARKANSAS
STUDENTS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was founded in 1987 by teachers and business leaders who wanted to strengthen teaching standards and professionalize the teacher workforce; and

WHEREAS, the rigorous standards are created by teachers for teachers and set the gold standard of certification for teachers, which means better learning for students; and

WHEREAS, the founding mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, to provide a national voluntary system in order to certify teachers who meet these standards, to advocate related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education, and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certification has a positive impact on student achievement, teacher retention, and professional development; and



WHEREAS, in achieving board certification, teachers prove their ability to advance student learning and achievement through a peer-reviewed and performance-based process and National Board Certification assures policymakers, parents, and the public that teachers have met the profession's highest standards; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 110,000 teachers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia who have achieved the profession's gold standard for accomplished teaching; and

WHEREAS, there are 2,778 National Board Certified teachers in Arkansas and in 2014, Arkansas ranked fourth in the nation for new National Board Certified teachers; and

WHEREAS, teachers leave a significant mark on our youth and every student in America deserves to be taught by accomplished, board-certified teachers who believe accomplished teaching should be the norm, not the exception; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified teachers strive to ensure that all students receive an excellent education that prepares students to succeed in today's world,

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 of the Ninetieth General Assembly honors Arkansas National Board Certified teachers and recognizes their positive impact on Arkansas students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to Sandra Eddleman, President of Arkansas Teachers for National Board Certification, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.