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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, President George Washington established the United States Marshals Service when he signed Senate Bill 1 into law September 24, 1789, less than five months after he became the first President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency and has served the nation with honor and distinction for 225 years; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Marshals Service, Congress and the President of the United States enacted Pub. L. No. 112-104, that provided for the minting of three U.S. Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coins, first made available to the American people in January, 2015; and



WHEREAS, the five-dollar gold coin is emblematic of the more than 250 men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty over the 225 year history of the U.S. Marshals Service; and

WHEREAS, the silver dollar honors the legendary status of the U.S. Marshals Service as the lawmen of our frontiers as the frontier spread from the thirteen original states across this nation to the Pacific, and then to Alaska and to space; and

WHEREAS, the "Frontier U.S. Marshal" silver dollar depicts a U.S. Marshal holding a warrant that reads "Wanted In Fort Smith" thereby recognizing the primacy of the federal court for the Western District of Arkansas in spreading the Rule of Law westward in to what is present-day Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the half-dollar coin is representative of the roles of U.S. Marshals Service throughout the history of the United States, and especially the role of the U.S. Marshals Service in our changing nation as pivotal events shaped the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the minting and sale of these commemorative coins may provide up to five million dollars in available surcharges for the preservation, maintenance, and display of artifacts and documents; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Museum's National Learning Center will be a center for learning important lessons of United States history, the Constitution, and the great principles of our constitutional democracy, thereby promoting civic literacy for children and adults alike throughout the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Museum will add a third national museum in Arkansas and will promote riverfront development, downtown revitalization in Fort Smith, and tourism in Arkansas and Oklahoma,

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 commends the United States Marshals Service for its 225 year history of service to the United States of America and the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives continues to support the establishment of the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and that the House of Representatives further commends the U.S. Marshals Museum and the U.S. Marshals Museum Foundation for their efforts to build the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, Arkansas, their educational programming that seeks to teach the great lessons of our constitutional democracy, and their promotion of the sale of the U.S. Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coins, which bring honor to the U.S. Marshals Service and recognize the role of Fort Smith and the Western District of Arkansas in bringing law and order to present-day Oklahoma as the nation spread westward.