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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF SENATOR DAVID W. WYATT AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Senator David W. Wyatt, 65, of Rosie, Arkansas, died Monday, January 12, 2015, at White River Medical Center in Batesville, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was born June 28, 1949, in Batesville, and he was the son of Gerald Wyatt and Ellen Pruett Wyatt; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was a 1968 graduate of Southside High School and attended the University of Central Arkansas at Conway; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt served as Independence County Judge for over 20 years, he was a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives for 4 years, and he was a member of the Arkansas Senate for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, as a legislator, Senator Wyatt sponsored and passed



legislation that benefitted Arkansans residing in small towns and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, some of Senator Wyatt's many achievements include the creation of a modern network of paved roads in rural Independence County, Arkansas, the expansion of trash pickup, the establishment of a recycling center which is one of the first of its kind in the state, and the construction of the Independence County Jail in full compliance with state law; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was an iconic public servant for Independence County for over 30 years and some of his most memorable achievements were his personal acts of kindness as he served his community; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt's advice and counsel were sought by legislators, governors, and members of congress, no request was too small or unimportant, and he was known to be meticulous in returning calls, emails, and letters; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was also a successful farmer and cattleman as he and his brothers managed one of the largest farm and cattle operations in north central Arkansas; and his family was previously awarded the Arkansas Farm Bureau Independence County Farm Family of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt is survived by his wife of 44 years, Deborah Bowers Wyatt of Rosie, his two sons, Mark Wyatt, married to Debbie Wyatt, and Matthew Wyatt, married to Amber Wyatt of Rosie, his four grandchildren, Greyson Wyatt of Batesville, Bentley and Wren Wyatt of Rosie, and Hope Wyatt of Batesville, his father, Gerald Wyatt of Rosie, his two brothers, John Wyatt, married to Betty Ann Wyatt of Rosie, and Stephen Wyatt of Rosie, his two aunts, Mary Baxter of Batesville, and Billie Miller of Newark, his two nieces, Sarah and Savanna Wyatt, and his two nephews, Andrew and Marshal Wyatt; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt earned a reputation in the General Assembly for being fair, reasonable, level-headed, and easy for members and staff to work with, and will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, the Senate wishes to publically recognize Senator Wyatt's contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognizes Senator Wyatt's commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and his local community, and commends him for his contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Senator David W. Wyatt and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to his family by the Secretary of the Senate.