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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO COMMEMORATE PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
AND TO HONOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTRY.

Subtitle

TO COMMEMORATE PRESIDENT GEORGE
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AND TO HONOR HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, President George Washington was born February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, traditionally celebrated on the third Monday in February, this year we will celebrate President Washington's birthday on February 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 1775, on the brink of the American Revolutionary War, Washington commissioned six privately owned schooners, later known as "George Washington's Secret Navy", to intercept incoming British ships with much-needed supplies after his failed petition to Congress to form a national navy; and

WHEREAS, President Washington's schooners flew a white flag with an evergreen tree in the middle and the words "An Appeal to Heaven" stitched across, a phrase coined by English philosopher John Locke which connotes that when all resources and justices on earth are exhausted only an "appeal to



heaven" remains; and

WHEREAS, "George Washington's Secret Navy" captured a British brigantine loaded with an abundance of supplies, and was so successful that it inspired the creation of the United States Navy as we know it today; and

WHEREAS, President Washington served as a general and commander-in-chief of the colonial armies during the American Revolution, and because of his strategy, Revolutionary forces captured two major British armies at Saratoga in 1777 and Yorktown in 1781; and

WHEREAS, President Washington was praised for his selection and supervision of his generals, encouragement of morale and ability to lead the army, coordination with the state governors and state militia units, relations with Congress, and attention to supplies, logistics, and training; and

WHEREAS, President Washington presided over the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and was later unanimously elected by the Electoral College as the first president of the United States, serving from 1789 to 1797, and established many customs in government still used today, such as the cabinet system and an inaugural address; and

WHEREAS, President Washington was a natural leader and instrumental in creating a united nation out of a conglomeration of struggling colonies and territories, and his birthday is a special day for the United States of America as we honor our first president and the father of our country,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly honors President George Washington as we celebrate his birthday and recognize his many contributions to our nation.

/s/Rapert