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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, the education of women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations; and

WHEREAS, P.E.O. was founded on January 21, 1869, by 7 students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and its membership eventually grew to include nearly a quarter of a million members in chapters throughout the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, P.E.O. has awarded more than \$143.6 million in Educational Loan Funds, more than \$29 million in International Peace Scholarships, more than \$43 million in Program for Continuing Education grants, more than \$16 million in Scholar Awards, and more than \$2.6 million in P.E.O. STAR Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, P.E.O. offers women the potential to develop leadership skills though volunteer service through its local, state, district, and



international chapters, and P.E.O. has over 6,000 chapters in each of the 50 United States, District of Columbia, and in 6 Canadian provinces; and

WHEREAS, P.E.O. is a source of encouragement and support for women as they realize their potential and friendship is the cornerstone of P.E.O.,

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 of the State of Arkansas recognizes the importance of the Philanthropic Educational Organization in Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, an appropriate copy be provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Maria Baseggio, President of P.E.O. International Chapter, Jackie Matt, Executive Director of P.E.O, and Julie Gaddy, President of the P.E.O. Arkansas Chapter.