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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DAY ON JULY 30 AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF  
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### Subtitle

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FIRST LAW PROTECTING WHISTLEBLOWERS.

WHEREAS, on July 30, 1778, the Founding Fathers unanimously passed  
America's first law to protect whistleblowers from retribution; and

WHEREAS, whistleblowing is generally defined as the lawful disclosure  
of information reasonably believed to evidence a violation of law, rule, or  
regulation, or gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of  
authority, or a danger to public health or safety; and

WHEREAS, whistleblowers risk their careers and reputations by reporting  
waste, fraud, and abuse to the proper authorities in order to promote  
accountability, integrity, honesty, fairness, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, our current leaders should follow the tradition of defending  
whistleblowers and ensure that our nation's laws offer protection to  
whistleblowers; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of July 30 as National Whistleblower Day



recognizes the first law protecting whistleblowers and it recognizes the importance of whistleblowers to our nation's transparency and accountability,

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 recognizes the observance of National Whistleblower Day on July 30 and recognizes the importance of America's first law protecting whistleblowers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Stephen M. Kohn, Executive Director of the National Whistleblower Center.