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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING SENATOR JERRY TAYLOR AND HIS MANY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL
COMMUNITY.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Jerry Wayne Taylor, 78, of Benton, Arkansas, formerly of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, died on Saturday, March 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was born on October 9, 1937, in Rison, Arkansas, to Jewell and Gertrude Hall Taylor; was an active member of Hurricane Lake Baptist Church in Bryant, Arkansas; and loved and was loved by his Sunday School class and his church friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor graduated in 1955 from Rison High School; in 1961, served in the United States Army; early in his career, worked in heavy construction for several companies, organizations, and projects, including the Arkansas Highway Department, International Paper, Millwood Dam, and the Highway 79 Bridge on the Arkansas River; was roving engineer on all eighteen (18) Titan II missile bases while at Midland Construction; and owned Taylor Realty and Taylor Surveying Company in Pine Bluff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was involved in politics for thirty-two (32) years and found great joy in serving others; served on the Pine Bluff City Council for twelve (12) years, as Pine Bluff mayor for eight (8) years, as a member



of the House of Representatives for four (4) years, and as a member of the Senate for eight (8) years, serving as Assistant President Pro Tempore during his time in the Senate; and retired in December 2012 from politics, never having lost a race; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor was a consummate gentleman who treated all people with the upmost respect and kindness; was always ready to lend a hand; and was always civil in his debate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor enjoyed many pastimes, especially hunting, fishing, and golfing; and after retirement, he joined a fitness center where he and friends played chair volleyball, followed by lunches together; and

WHEREAS, of all the blessings in Senator Taylor's life, he treasured his wife Linda, their two (2) children, their (3) grandchildren, and their son-in-law the most; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor was preceded in death by his parents; two (2) sisters, Jewell Dean Taylor of Rison, and Inez Greenlee (Franklin) of White Hall, Arkansas; and two (2) brothers, James Taylor (Ida) of Rison and Wiley Taylor (Celia) of Rison; and

WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of fifty-four (54) years, Linda Moore Taylor; his daughter, Pam DePriest and her husband Don DePriest of Morrilton, Arkansas; his son, Kelly Taylor of White Hall; his three (3) grandchildren, Josh DePriest of Edwards, Colorado, Amber DePriest of Benton, and Hanna Kelli Taylor of White Hall; his brothers, Bobby Taylor and his wife Barbara of Atlanta, Texas, Ben Taylor and his wife Cookie of White Hall, Tom Taylor and his wife Janice of Benton; and one (1) sister, Betty Pinckard and her husband Ellis of Pine Bluff; and many nieces and nephews and friends,

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

THAT the Senate remembers and commends Senator Jerry Wayne Taylor for his many contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to the family of Senator Taylor by the Secretary of the Senate.