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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act of 1967 was signed into law on February 14, 1967, by the late Governor Winthrop Rockefeller; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 was a notable accomplishment of Governor Rockefeller during his tenure as Governor of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent in passing the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 was to ensure that public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the records of government be accessible to the Arkansas public; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 ended a long era of decisions made behind closed doors and by a small group of individuals who did not always have the best interest of the people of Arkansas in mind; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 continues to be recognized as one of the best in the country, and it remains a shining example of open government as well as an effective law in maintaining government transparency in Arkansas; and



WHEREAS, due to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, the business of government at all levels in Arkansas, including state agencies, counties, and other local governments, is open and accessible to the citizens of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, February 14, 2017 marks the fiftieth anniversary of Governor Rockefeller signing the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 into law; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the General Assembly continue to honor the legacy of Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, preserving now for a half-century the significant impact he had on the State of Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the enactment of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act of 1967 as a significant moment in state history and a momentous event for the people of the State of Arkansas, and designate February 14, 2017 as Freedom of Information Act Day in Arkansas.