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SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF
CHRISTOPHER A. MASINGILL.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Christopher A. Masingill was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate in 2010 to serve as the Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority; and in his six (6) years with the Delta Regional Authority, Chairman Masingill has made it his hallmark to develop strategic connections between the public and private sectors to achieve economic and community development results on the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, before leading the Delta Regional Authority, Chairman Masingill served the state as Governor Mike Beebe's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, and during that time was the Arkansas Recovery Implementation Director for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, coordinating the implementation of \$3 billion (\$3,000,000,000) of investment into forty-eight (48) programs across thirteen (13) state agencies; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Masingill believes in the natural, economic, and human assets of Delta communities and the opportunities those assets create for the region; he has placed a strong emphasis on supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs as well as investing in workforce development and training efforts, recognizing these efforts as the greatest opportunities



for the Delta region's economy; he has worked with the governors of the eight (8) Delta states to leverage \$44 million (\$44,000,000) in authority investments into nearly \$1 billion (\$1,000,000,000) in private and other public sector investment in Delta communities; and authority investments are helping to create and retain forty-two thousand (42,000) jobs and train thirteen thousand (13,000) workers; and

WHEREAS, to further the investments under Chairman Masingill's leadership, the authority launched the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Initiative to focus investments into organizations and programs that support the cultivation of innovation and job creation that come from our small businesses and entrepreneurs; and in 2014, the authority launched the Reimagining the Delta Workforce initiative which organized eight (8) state summits and invested \$1.7 million (\$1,700,000) into communities to address the challenges of preparing a skilled workforce in Delta communities and to connect local leadership in government, education, and business for realistic, productive solutions; and

WHEREAS, for his leadership in advancing economic development initiatives in the Delta region, Chairman Masingill was recently awarded the Federal Leadership in Economic Development Programs Award by the International Economic Development Council,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate honors the distinguished public service of Christopher A. Masingill to the state, the Delta region, and the nation, and wishes him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Chairman Masingill by the Secretary of the Senate.