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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Gregory Brian Standridge, born on May 6, 1967, in Russellville, Arkansas, to the late Marvin J. Standridge and Jewel Simcox, died on November 16, 2017, at the age of fifty (50) years following a long and courageous battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge attended Arkansas Tech University, worked as a licensed insurance agent, and was a co-owner of CSI Insurance Agency in Russellville, founded in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge served as a past-president of both the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas (2012-2013) and the Professional Insurance Agents of Arkansas (1998-1999) and served on the Pope County 911 Board, the Workforce Investment Board, the Pope County Fair Board, and as a constable in Pope County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was active with the Pope County Emergency



Services Rescue Unit and became a volunteer fire fighter in September of 1989 with the Crow Mountain Fire Department, later serving as Chief from January 2012 until February 2015; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was elected to the Arkansas State Senate after winning a special election in 2015 and served as the Assistant Pro Tempore for the 3rd Congressional District for the Ninety-First General Assembly until his passing; he served as Cochair of the Rural Fire Departments Study Committee; and during his tenure in the General Assembly, he was a member of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs, the Senate Committee on City, County and Local Affairs, the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Oversight Committee, the Legislative Task Force on Intermodal Transportation and Commerce, the Joint Committee on Economic and Tax Policy, and the Boys State Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge also recognized the importance of working with other legislators across the United States and served in the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); and he was a member of the SLC Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, the NCSL Labor and Economic Development Standing Committee, the CSG Energy and Environmental Public Policy Task Force, and the ALEC Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Russellville, serving as head of the security team; he was an avid lover of golf; and he enjoyed spelunking, camping, cooking, water sports, scuba diving, traveling, and spending time with many family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge was a member of the Russellville Lions Club, the Russellville Masonic Lodge, and the London Masonic Lodge, and was the recipient of numerous awards for his professional and volunteer achievements; and

WHEREAS, Senator Standridge left to cherish his memory his wife of

twenty-six (26) years, Karen Standridge, and their children, Hunter, Lakin, Cameron, and Breonna, all of Russellville; his mother, Jewel Simcox (Harry) of Russellville; a sister, Jeania Evans (Jerry) of Russellville; a step-sister, Angie Anderson (Ronald) of Springdale, Arkansas, and her children, Whitney Bullington (Jonathan) of Springdale, and Laura Beth Brogdon (Jeremy) of Greenbrier, Arkansas; and numerous family members and friends,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate remembers and commends Senator Gregory Brian Standridge for his hard work, dedication, and many contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Senator Standridge, and upon adoption of this resolution, that an appropriate copy be provided to the family of Senator Standridge by the Secretary of the Senate.