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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Billy Graham, widely known as "America's pastor", died Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at the age of 99; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Graham counseled presidents and was a personal friend of Queen Elizabeth II, but treated each person he encountered with dignity and honor; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Graham retired in 2005 after nearly six (6) decades of spreading the word of Jesus Christ across the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Graham taught the messages of love, hope, peace, redemption, and eternal life, and he did it in a way that spoke to all people, rich or poor, liberal or conservative, Democrat or Republican,



churched or unchurched, by finding a balance that resonated; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Graham was a one-of-a-kind spiritual leader who offered the right messages at the right times, with a sterling reputation and moral character untouched by scandal of any kind; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Grant Wacker, Professor Emeritus of Christian History at Duke University, Rev. Graham was representative of "what most decent churchgoing people thought and ought to think"; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Graham offered a message of peace and of perspective and will be remembered as one of the most spiritually influential among us,

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 the Reverend Billy Graham for his faith, influence, and international message of peace and goodwill.

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