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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1936

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS MEDAL OF HONOR COMMISSION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PLAQUES ON THE ARKANSAS MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS MEDAL OF HONOR COMMISSION; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PLAQUES ON THE ARKANSAS MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Several Arkansans have been awarded the Medal of Honor and deserve recognition for their service to this country;

(2) An Arkansas Medal of Honor Commission was created by Acts 1997, No. 1217, and Acts 1999, No. 564, authorized the construction and maintenance of a monument on the State Capitol grounds to honor Medal of Honor recipients from Arkansas;

(3) The Arkansas Medal of Honor Commission was abolished by Acts 2001, No. 783;

(4) A new Arkansas Medal of Honor Commission is necessary to solicit the funding for the design, construction, and dedication of additional plaques on the Arkansas Medal of Honor Memorial to honor new Medal



of Honor recipients.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 13 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 10 – Arkansas Medal of Honor Commission

13-10-101. Creation – Duties.

(a) There is created the Arkansas Medal of Honor Commission.

(b) The commission shall be composed of:

(1) The Secretary of State, or his or her designee; and

(2) Four (4) commissioners appointed by the Governor.

(c) The commission shall:

(1) Meet as necessary to review and approve the names of Medal of Honor recipients submitted for possible inclusion on the Arkansas Medal of Honor Memorial;

(2) Provide the Secretary of State the names of Medal of Honor recipients that are to be added to the Arkansas Medal of Honor Memorial;

(3) Provide the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission design and layout recommendations for the adding of Medal of Honor recipients' names to the Arkansas Medal of Honor Memorial; and

(4) Solicit, receive, and disburse funds necessary to accomplish the commission's duties under this subsection.

(d) State funding shall not be utilized to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.