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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF  
ARKANSAS AND CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF  
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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the American Legion was created on March 15, 1919, as members of the American Expeditionary Force who fought to victory in World War I gathered in Paris, France, for what became known as the American Legion's Paris Caucus; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1919, the American Legion Department of Arkansas became the first incorporated American Legion Department in the United States, and was again chartered by Act 280 of 1929; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by the United States Congress on September 16, 1919, as a wartime veterans organization based on the 4 pillars of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the American Legion has become a preeminent community-based service organization with more than 2,300,000 male and female members in over 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide, working with a



variety of programs that support the 4 pillars and benefit our nation's veterans, service members and their families, youth, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the American Legion are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans and Arkansans alike; and

WHEREAS, the observance of the American Legion's one hundredth birthday provides an opportunity to recognize Legionnaires across the state for their many contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Legionnaires have made many sacrifices in defending our freedoms, and it is important to acknowledge their courage and show them the support they have earned by promoting their rich history and legacy,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House of Representatives declare March 15, 2019, as the American Legion's birthday and urge all citizens to observe with pride and due ceremony all Legionnaires in the State of Arkansas as we value and reflect on the many sacrifices both they and their families have made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Major Keith Dover of the Arkansas American Legion Department by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.