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HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Jim House, former representative from Fayetteville, Arkansas, died in a farming accident on December 5, 2018, at 70 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Mr. House called Washington County home since 1957, received a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and served in the United States Army as a sergeant and Pershing missile specialist at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, during the Vietnam War era; and

WHEREAS, Mr. House was also a farmer and an accomplished farrier, a specialist in shoeing horses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. House first ran for office after retiring from a 26-year career with the Department of Health, but his first love was the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, during his campaign run, he was often seen campaigning on horseback throughout the district and took time off before the election to hike through the Grand Canyon; and



WHEREAS, Mr. House was elected to the House of Representatives in 2006 and served until 2010, and during his tenure was known for his watchfulness of our state parks and the environment, as well as his early and vocal support for improved emergency services, including 911 call centers, a statewide trauma care system, and a satellite campus for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Senator Greg Leding said the loss of Mr. House was "a shocking and heartbreaking loss" for the community; and

WHEREAS, Senator Uvalde Lindsey said, "He was a true man of the people. That was what he was all about. Friends, family, service to his community: whatever they needed, he was always there",

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives remember and commend Mr. Jim House 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 House of Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. House, and that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of Mr. House by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.