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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, pharmacists are key members of our health care system and serve an integral role as medication experts; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are the most accessible health care professionals and provide services beyond dispensing medications, including administering immunizations; providing patient counseling, medication-therapy management, and disease-management counseling; and identifying potentially deadly drug interactions; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists complete an advanced pharmacy degree and receive continuing education throughout their career; and pharmacists are required to be licensed by the state, creating expert health care professionals on medication and effective uses; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are important health care practitioners in all segments of the health care marketplace, including independent stores, chain stores, hospitals, long-term facilities, academia, compounding facilities, and state and federal government agencies; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are de facto patient advocates, often resolving complex issues with insurance companies and helping patients find ways to



afford medications; and

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, pharmacists have been consistently voted one of the most respected professions in the Gallup Honesty and Ethics Survey; and

WHEREAS, independent pharmacists are successful small business owners in the state, contributing billions of dollars to the economy, employing thousands of Arkansans, and supporting their local communities from schools to little league teams,

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 celebrate and recognize Arkansas pharmacists for their unwavering dedication to their patients and their contribution to the health and well-being of all citizens of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Arkansas Pharmacy Association by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.