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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States, as well as the foremost cause of death among young athletes; and

WHEREAS, more than 356,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest is often survivable if treated within the first 5 minutes with cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an external defibrillator; and

WHEREAS, the likelihood of survival from sudden cardiac arrest is reduced 10% for each minute defibrillation or compressions are delayed; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross states that improved education and access to automated external defibrillators could save 50,000 lives each year,

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 recognize the importance and need for quick access to automated external defibrillators.