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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO PROCLAIM APRIL 8, 2019, AS GRANDPARENT'S RIGHTS
AWARENESS DAY.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the relationship between a grandparent and a grandchild can be one of great joy and importance for both grandparent and grandchild; and

WHEREAS, sometimes an event such as a parent's death, a divorce, or an estrangement can tear a family apart and alter or sever relationships between a grandparent and a grandchild; and afterward, the grandchild's parents or guardian may block any further contact with the grandparent, who may in turn take legal steps to maintain contact with the grandchild; and

WHEREAS, today, all 50 states have some type of grandparent visitation law that allows grandparents to petition a court to grant them the legal right to maintain their relationships with their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, grandparents can derive tremendous pleasure from relationships with grandchildren and suffer terrible pain and loss when those relationships are disrupted or prevented,

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 of grandparent and grandchild relationships and proclaim April 8, 2019, as Grandparent's Rights Awareness Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Master Thomas Noble Watts by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.