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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG; AND TO RECOMMEND A CHANGE  
TO THE SYMBOLIC DESIGNATION OF THE STARS ON THE STATE  
FLAG.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG; AND TO  
RECOMMEND A CHANGE TO THE SYMBOLIC  
DESIGNATION OF THE STARS ON THE STATE  
FLAG.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the House of Representatives to address the symbolic meaning of the stars above and below the word "ARKANSAS" on the state flag of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the three (3) stars below the word "ARKANSAS" on the state flag represent the words "nature", "heritage", and "innovation" and the star above the word "ARKANSAS" represent the word "opportunity"; and

WHEREAS, the word "nature" symbolizes that Arkansas is known as "The Natural State" and is home to countless natural wonders. From the breathtaking Ozark Mountains to the invigorating natural hot springs in Hot Springs National Park, and to the Buffalo National River, the first national river in the United States, outdoor opportunity abounds in Arkansas. With rivers and lakes for every level of boating enthusiast, as well as bike paths and running trails for family outings or competitive athletes, Arkansas's natural environment has much to offer. Bountiful farmland in the Arkansas



Delta produces a quality food supply that sustains Arkansas's neighbors and the rest of the world. Arkansans take pride in the stewardship of the state's natural resources, which will preserve this tradition for generations to come. Fishing is productive in our numerous lakes and rivers, and hunting thrives in Arkansas when flooded rice fields become home for flocks of migratory waterfowl in the winter. From flatlands to mountain ranges, Arkansas's geographic diversity lends itself to quality of life activities specific to the place Arkansans call home; and

WHEREAS, the word "heritage" symbolizes that Arkansas is rich in history and steeped in culture, and Arkansans are proud of what makes them who they are. Traditions are reflected all across the state, from the homes of a President of the United States to the sites where historical advances were made for civil rights. The Louisiana Purchase State Park shows where Arkansas began as a part of the United States, and the world-renowned art museums show where Arkansas is going. A philanthropic spirit is apparent from community engagement in larger cities to generous involvement in rural towns that are the heartbeat of Arkansas. Arkansans proudly share a giving and serving spirit displayed in service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the word "innovation" symbolizes that Arkansas leads the way in innovation. For generations a leader in retail, trucking, banking, and agriculture, Arkansas is leading the country to the future in coding and technology. Coupled with the state's groundbreaking initiative to emphasize computer science for every public school student in the state, Arkansas businesses are paving the way for future success in the state; and

WHEREAS, the word "opportunity" symbolizes that Arkansas is truly the "Land of Opportunity". Arkansans build upon the rich traditions of the state's heritage in order to create a strong future. Arkansans value the natural beauty of the state and the opportunities it provides for family togetherness and personal growth. Arkansans move forward with innovation to create a powerful future for all Arkansans. Through Arkansas's heritage, nature, and innovation, the state provides opportunity for all who call it home,

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 of the Ninety-Second General Assembly recommends changing the symbolic meaning of the three (3) stars below the word "ARKANSAS" on the state flag to represent the words "nature", "heritage", and "innovation" and the star above the word "ARKANSAS" to represent the word "opportunity".