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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO SUPPORT A SCENIC GONDOLA INSTALLATION AT BLACK
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Turner Bend Store is an iconic site on the Mulberry River that has been a center of commerce and recreation for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the store is a licensed United States Forest Service outfitter and rents kayaks, canoes, and rafts for float trips on the Mulberry River; and

WHEREAS, while hundreds of acres on both sides of the Mulberry River are owned by private landowners, much of the area is surrounded by the Ozark National Forest; and

WHEREAS, an extensive proposal was initiated in 2017 to expand and enhance Turner Bend into an outdoor recreation destination to include a scenic gondola, nature center and observation post, and expanded opportunities for rock climbing, mountain biking, and interactive trail access; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has rejected the proposal,

NOW THEREFORE,



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

THAT the Senate supports enhancing the Mulberry River and Turner Bend areas with the installation of a scenic gondola and other recreational additions and urges the United States Forest Service to approve the proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be provided to the Arkansas Forest Supervisor of the United States Forest Service.