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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS OF HOMESCHOOLING IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, homeschooling became officially recognized in Arkansas with the passage of Act 40 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1985; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic have made significant impacts on how children are educated, with many additional families choosing to homeschool; and

WHEREAS, the National Home Education Research Institute estimates that nationally the number of homeschooled students has increased by at least ten percent (10%) during the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, in Arkansas, the number of homeschooled students has increased seventeen percent (17%) since the 2019-2020 school year, with approximately twenty-six thousand (26,000) homeschooled students in the state during the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, students can attend public school, private school, or home school, and families are empowered to direct the education of their children by choosing the best educational environment available; and

WHEREAS, every child has unique abilities and challenges that impact how he or she learns, and every child has unique interests, passions, and goals for his or her future as an adult; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple methods available to teach children, and homeschooling as a system has profound flexibility in how education is delivered, as the system can be customized and individualized to the student; and

WHEREAS, the freedom of educational choice leads to better outcomes for all students; and

WHEREAS, better outcomes for students lead to a more responsible citizenry, a successful workforce, and a strong economy for the state,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate thirty-five (35) years of homeschooling in Arkansas.