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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Jefferson Elementary School in Little Rock, Arkansas, is among five (5) schools in Arkansas and only three hundred sixty-seven (367) in the entire nation to be named and recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, given by the United States Department of Education, the coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools in which students master challenging and engaging content; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Elementary School's recognition is based on its progress in closing the achievement gap among students, resulting in significantly higher test scores since 2015, an achievement that principal Sandra Register attributed to a joint effort between students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, with a positive and caring environment and high expectations for academics and behavior, the school has low staff turnover and is consistently recognized by the Department of Education for being in the top ten percent (10%) in academics; and



WHEREAS, students at Jefferson Elementary School are encouraged to think critically, to apply knowledge, and to work with abstract concepts across all content areas; teachers work diligently, creatively, and collaboratively to provide data-driven and engaging lessons using Professional Learning Communities; and a supportive and deeply committed parent-teacher organization participates in many decision-making processes and hosts a number of events and drives to solidify community involvement,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the enormous work and progress of Jefferson Elementary School and commend the school for being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to the principal of Jefferson Elementary School by the Secretary of the Senate.