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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has had many recent successes and engaged in many acts of service; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has been named the Arkansas Air Force Association's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit of the year for the last three (3) school years; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets have completed over seven thousand (7000) hours of community service in the last five (5) school years, including packing over five hundred thousand (500,000) meals at the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets participated in a mentoring program, matching them with kindergarten and first grade students at Westside Elementary, who had been



identified by their school counselor as needing a "big brother" or "big sister"; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps hosts an annual Bataan Death March Memorial Hike, which includes a fourteen (14) mile march to honor all World War Two veterans, but in particular American and Filipino victims of the Bataan Death March; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps plans, organizes, and conducts a school-wide ceremony annually on September 11 to honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps recognizes Veterans Day by placing United States flags on the graves of over five hundred (500) military veterans at cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps hosts an annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in which they collect hundreds of no longer serviceable United States flags from around their community and provide them with the proper, respectful retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Drill and Color Guard Teams broke the program record by earning over thirty (30) awards and trophies, competing in drill competitions throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps hosts an annual physical fitness competition for other junior reserve officer training corps in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Missouri, and has raised over twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) over the last five (5) years to help support the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps community service efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is the only such program in the state to have at least one (1)

cadet selected to attend the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Flight Academy for three (3) straight years; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps currently has three (3) former cadets enrolled at the United States Air Force Academy, where they will earn their degrees and commissions as officers in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, in the 2019-2020 school year Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Laityn Tippy was recognized as the most outstanding cadet in all of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, which includes over nine hundred (900) locations and over one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) cadets around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has been supported in these many successes by Major Scott Norman, Technical Sergeant Peter Mamula, and other staff members,

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 congratulate and recognize the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps for its many recent accomplishments and acts of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the Superintendent of the Westside Consolidated School District, Scott Gauntt, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.