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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, in 2016 Washington County Judge Joseph Wood and Jefferson County Judge Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV became the first elected Black county judges in Arkansas's history; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected, Joseph Wood successful served in many roles in both the public and private sectors, most recently serving as the Deputy Secretary of State for the Business and Commercial Services Division and the Communication and Education Division; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected, Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV served many years in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Judge Joseph Wood's and Jefferson County Judge Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV's many accomplishments led to their respective constituencies electing them as the first Black county judges in Arkansas's history; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Judge Joseph Wood and Jefferson County Judge



Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV should be recognized for their place in Arkansas history as the first elected Black county judges in Arkansas history,

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 Washington County Judge Joseph Wood's and Jefferson County Judge Henry "Hank" Wilkins IV's place in Arkansas History as Arkansas's first Black county judges.