

By: Representative Lundstrum

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO REMEMBER MR. MARION EDWARD JOHNSON AND TO
RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

TO REMEMBER MR. MARION EDWARD JOHNSON AND
TO RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS, Mr. Marion Edward Johnson was born on December 3, 1930, and
died on December 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson will be remembered for his love of God, family,
and music. He will be remembered also as a woodworking craftsman who made a
lasting impact in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's love of the fiddle led to his serving as the
President of the Arkansas Old Time Fiddlers Association. Mr. Johnson was
instrumental in getting the fiddle named the official musical instrument for
the State of Arkansas in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's love of the fiddle and his craftsmanship in
woodworking resulted in Mr. Johnson creating the case for his fiddle that is
on display at the State Capitol; and



WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's deft hand in woodworking was known among so many Arkansans that in 2002 he was selected to craft the mockingbird ornament out of wood for the White House State Christmas Tree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson proudly served in the Korean War and received the Purple Heart award among many other awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a man of God and was a long-standing member, deacon, and board member of the Harmony Baptist Church in Hunstville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson leaves behind his wife of sixty-nine (69) years, Betty Carlene, children Cindy Gillespie, Cheryl Porter, Randall Johnson, and Rebecca Sisemore, and numerous loved ones, family, and friends, who laughed with and benefited from the joy of knowing Mr. Johnson,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives remember Mr. Marion Edward Johnson for his service and dedication to the State of Arkansas and extend sincere condolences to the family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to the family by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.