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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the future is dependent to a large measure on the good health of our families; and

WHEREAS, good health can be achieved in part through good dental habits learned early and reinforced throughout life; and

WHEREAS, research shows that a balanced diet, proper oral hygiene, and preventative dental care can prevent tooth decay and reduce dental-related illnesses, which cause school-age children in the United States to miss thirty-four million (34,000,000) school hours annually, starting as early as first grade, and socioeconomic disparities exist within those lost hours; and

WHEREAS, National Children's Dental Health Month is an opportunity for the citizens of Arkansas to unite and join in the observance of National Children's Dental Health Month to raise public awareness about the importance of good oral health for all children,

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:

(1) Recognize the importance and practice of good dental health, especially in children, to ensure the well-being of generations to come; and

(2) Designate the month of February as "National Children's Dental Health Month".