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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM LARRY PRATER FOR  
HIS SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF  
ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

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AND TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Mr. William Larry Prater (“Larry”) from Cedarville, Arkansas is a distinguished citizen of the State of Arkansas who worked and continues to work tirelessly for his beloved state and community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Prater served in the Arkansas House of Representatives during the 82<sup>nd</sup>, 83<sup>rd</sup>, and 84<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his service with the House of Representatives, Representative Prater served as the as Chairman of the House Parks and Tourism Subcommittee and in representing the citizens Crawford and Franklin Counties advocated for the following funding for his district: ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the Cedarville Public Library Building Fund; fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the Mulberry Public Library Building Fund; and

WHEREAS, other notable accomplishments by Representative Prater include: worked to reinstate state aid to public libraries after the funding was cut; sponsored legislation requiring a fee for calling a special election on a library tax issue; supported funding for fire departments, senior



citizen centers, and county fairs; supported funding and assistance for veterans housing, and health care; and fought along with his constituents against consolidation of small public schools in Crawford and Franklin counties and throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Prater served on the Crawford County Board of Education from 1973 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Representative Prater's support to his community extended outside the legislative sphere and he served as the President of the Crawford County Cattleman's Association in 2006 and 2007, was instrumental in the restoration of the Cedarville Old Rock School House by gaining funding through grants for the use as a transitional home of the Cedarville Public Library and a community center for the Cedarville Public Schools, and was dedicated to the success of the Franklin County Fair; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Representative Prater has served on numerous associations and organization including but certainly not limited to: Cedarville Schools Athletic Booster Club, Cedarville Schools Band Booster Club, Cedarville Senior Citizens Lodge, Cedarville 4-H, Rural Riders Horseman's Association, Crawford County Fair, and the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, although very accomplished and recognized for his work in his community and the State, Representative Prater's greatest joy and commitment is to his family including his deceased wife of sixty-seven (67) years, Janice Prater, children Bill, Shanna, and Glenanna, grandfather to Jeremy, Josh, Kimberly, David, Nathan, and Rose, and great-grandfather to Owen, Rona, Tiaya, Truman, and Will; and

WHEREAS, Representative Prater is being celebrated on March, 18, 2023 for turning ninety (90) years,

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 recognize Representative William Larry Prater for his dedication and service to his community and to the State of Arkansas.

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