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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Vincent C. Henderson II, Administrator of the Bureau of Legislative Research's Statutory Review Section and the Code Revisor, has announced his upcoming retirement on March 31, 2023, after over forty-three (43) years of state service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson began his state service with the bureau, where he served as a staff attorney from April 1978 to July 1979 and January 1981 to January 1984; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1984 Mr. Henderson joined the Arkansas Statute Revision Commission as its executive director as the agency began the process of codifying the state's statutory law; and

WHEREAS, in his role with the commission, Mr. Henderson presided over



the creation of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated, a laborious and detail-oriented task completed over a period of years without the aid of the computerized applications that are now centerpieces of such work; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated would not have been successful without Mr. Henderson's diligent eye and thoughtful review of all law existing at that time, and the successful implementation of the Arkansas Code has positively impacted the practice of law in this state every day since; and

WHEREAS, equally as important to the codification of Arkansas law were the processes Mr. Henderson established to maintain and update the Arkansas Code, including being one (1) of the first states to adopt computerized approaches to codification work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was also heavily involved in the addition of markup language to bills of the General Assembly, the creation of the legislative drafting manual that established the fundamentals of bill drafting in this state, and the development of the bill review process now used for all draft legislation prior to its filing; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Arkansas Code Revision Commission merged with the bureau in 2005, resuming Mr. Henderson's tenure with the bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson is a key member of the bureau's leadership team, and his wisdom and intellect will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, the bureau will continue to use the codification methods Mr. Henderson developed and implemented, which will serve as a legacy that lives on far beyond his retirement; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his distinguished state service, Mr. Henderson has benefitted the state and his community in many other ways, including serving on the Uniform Law Commission; serving in a variety of roles with the Boy Scouts of America, including as a Scoutmaster; serving as a soccer referee for the Arkansas Activities Association and the United States Soccer

Federation, including training referees; serving as a lector for Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church; and being actively involved in Scottish Clan Henderson Society, including serving as its general counsel; and

WHEREAS, while Mr. Henderson will be greatly missed by the bureau, his retirement will allow him to spend more time with his wife Sherry, his children Vincent Henderson III, John Henderson, Ph.D, and his wife Kimhouy Tong, PharmD., and Martha Godfrey, MD, and her husband Will Godfrey, MBA, and his grandchildren Savannah Henderson, Grace Godfrey, and Everett Godfrey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson's institutional knowledge is irreplaceable, and his dedication to the General Assembly has resulted in a lasting impact on the institution and its practices,

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 commend Vincent C. Henderson II for his distinguished service to the State of Arkansas and the legislative branch of government, thank him for his countless contributions, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon adoption, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide a copy of this resolution to Vincent C. Henderson II.