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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF ARKANSAS AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS VITAL TO THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH IN THE STATE; AND RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF ARKANSAS DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON MARCH 14, 2023.

Subtitle

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF ARKANSAS DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON MARCH 14, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas were formed to provide electricity to rural Arkansans in the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas include seventeen (17) local electric distribution cooperatives, a generation and transmission cooperative, and a statewide services association cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas are dedicated to providing reliable, affordable power in a responsible manner for one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000) members in seventy-four (74) counties or sixty-two percent (62%) of the land mass across Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas are guided by seven (7) cooperative principles and are governed by locally elected boards of directors; and



WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas employ more than two thousand one hundred (2,100) employees in Arkansas and a total of more than four thousand (4,000) employees across the business enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas are focused solely on being advocates for their members and are dedicated to improving the quality of life for their members,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate consider the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas to be an organization that has been vital to the growth of the economy and critical infrastructure in the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate recognize and celebrate Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Day at the State Capitol Building on March 14, 2023.