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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission was established in 1991 via the efforts of former Senator Roy C. "Bill" Lewellen, former Surgeon General of the United States Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, and the Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is to ensure that all minority Arkansans have equitable access to preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission seeks ways to promote health and prevent diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission supports its mission



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by studying issues related to the delivery of and access to health services for minorities in Arkansas, identifying gaps in health service delivery that mainly impact minorities, making recommendations to relevant agencies and to the General Assembly for improving delivery of and access to health services for minorities, and researching to determine whether adequate services will be available to ensure future health needs of minorities in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is to be a catalyst in bridging the gap in the health status of the minority population and that of the majority population in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission accomplishes this goal by addressing existing disparities in minority communities, educating these communities about healthier lifestyles, promoting awareness of services and accessibility within the healthcare system, and making recommendations to relevant agencies, the Governor, and the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission has partnered with the American Heart Association and promotes the efforts of Million Hearts to draw particular attention to the need for good heart health in minority communities in Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate honor the Arkansas Minority Health Commission during American Heart Month in February for its efforts to address heart disease among the minority populations of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to the leaders of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.