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## HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF FORMER UNITED STATES  
REPRESENTATIVE BERYL ANTHONY, JR.

### Subtitle

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STATES REPRESENTATIVE BERYL ANTHONY, JR.

WHEREAS, former United States Representative Beryl Anthony, Jr., formerly of El Dorado, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the age of eighty-six (86); and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was born in El Dorado, Arkansas, on February 21, 1938, to Beryl Franklin Anthony, Sr. and Oma Lee Roark Anthony, founders of the Anthony Forest Products Company; and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. received Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Arkansas in 1961, then in 1963 earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was first elected to public office in 1970, when he won the Union County prosecuting attorney's office, Thirteenth Judicial District, a position he held from 1971 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1978, serving until 1993, and was appointed to many committees, including the House Ways and Means Committee, where he championed legislation for improved rural healthcare and public



infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. led the way in helping Arkansas farmers as well as municipal officials with tax-favored access to bond financing for schools and other local needs; and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. worked with United States Senator Dale Bumpers and United States Senator David Pryor in 1985 to renovate Fordyce Bathhouse in Hot Springs to help revitalize downtown Hot Springs, and he continued to advocate for funding for Hot Springs National Park in his role as United States Representative; and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. was known for his amiable personality and keen intelligence, which enabled him to work effectively with both parties during his many years of service as a political leader; and

WHEREAS, while Beryl Anthony, Jr. was committed to improving the lives of all Arkansans, he was well-known for being a devoted father and mentor to his two (2) daughters, Alison Anthony Bethune and Lauren Anthony Cargill, and a loving grandfather to his five (5) granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, Beryl Anthony, Jr. is survived by his wife, former Federal Trade Commissioner and Assistant Attorney General of the United States Sheila Anthony, and by his two (2) daughters and five (5) granddaughters,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives remember former United States Representative Beryl Anthony, Jr. and recognize his commitment to hard work, his enormous contributions to society, and his service to the State of Arkansas and his local community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Beryl Anthony, Jr. by the Chief Clerk of the House

of Representatives.