

By: Representative Rye

## HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

TO REMEMBER UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE  
AND NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION STAR OLIVER "BIG  
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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away on March 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was a legendary center and four-year letterman in basketball for the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Razorbacks basketball team from 1988-1992; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was nicknamed "Big O" because of his size and incredible skills throughout his basketball career, which began at Southwest High School in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was a star athlete; and

WHEREAS, while Oliver "Big O" Miller played for the Razorbacks, the team recorded twenty-five wins, seven losses (25-7) during the 1988-1989 season, thirty wins, five losses (30-5) during the 1989-1990 season, thirty-four wins, four losses (34-4) during the 1990-1991 season, and twenty-six



wins, eight losses (26-8) during the 1991-1992 season; and

WHEREAS, the trio of Oliver "Big O" Miller, Lee Mayberry, and Todd Day led to some of the highest scoring averages in University of Arkansas at Fayetteville basketball history; and

WHEREAS, in Oliver "Big O" Miller's first three (3) seasons with the Razorbacks, the team won the Southwest Conference regular season and tournament championships, and his senior-year 1991-1992 squad won the Southeastern Conference regular season championship in Arkansas's first year in that conference; and

WHEREAS, while Oliver "Big O" Miller played for the Razorbacks, the team achieved victories every season in the annual National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament, reaching the second round during his 1988-1989 season, reaching the Final Four during his 1989-1990 season, reaching the Elite Eight during his 1990-1991 season, and reaching the second round during his 1991-1992 season; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was number one (1) in career field goal percentage at sixty-three and six-tenths percent (63.6%), number one (1) in blocked shots at three hundred forty-five (345), number three (3) in rebounds at eight hundred eighty-six (886), number nine (9) in points at one thousand six hundred seventy-four (1,674) points, and number fourteen in freethrows at three hundred nine (309) on the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's basketball all-time leader list; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller led the National Collegiate Athletic Association in field goal percentage and set the Southwest Conference single-season record for blocked shots during the 1990-1991 season, was the first player in University of Arkansas at Fayetteville history to record over one hundred (100) blocks and one hundred (100) assists in the same season, and still holds the program record for field goal percentage and blocked shots; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in the

first round of the 1992 National Basketball Association draft; and

WHEREAS, during his professional basketball career, Oliver "Big O" Miller played for the Phoenix Suns, the Detroit Pistons, the Toronto Raptors, the Dallas Mavericks, the Sacramento Kings, and the Minnesota Timberwolves; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller retired from professional basketball in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was named to the Southeastern Conference's Legends class in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller was inducted into the University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor in 2016 and the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame in 2024, and he will be inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon Oliver "Big O" Miller's passing, his Phoenix Suns teammate Charles Barkley said, "We would not have gotten to the finals without Oliver Miller . . . he was a terrific passer . . . he played bigger than his size . . . he was a great kid"; and

WHEREAS, Oliver "Big O" Miller will be remembered by Arkansans for his immense talent, humor, and generosity both on and off the court,

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 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville basketball star Oliver "Big O" Miller for his achievements and his contributions to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Oliver "Big O" Miller by the Chief Clerk of the

House of Representatives.