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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, marriage is the foundational relationship for all of society, and good marriages are the bedrock of strong societies, for they are also the foundation of strong families; and

WHEREAS, based on a wealth of academic research, married people tend to have healthier lifestyles, longer life expectancies, more satisfying sexual relationships, and more wealth and economic assets; and

WHEREAS, based on a wealth of academic research, healthy marriages decrease crime, domestic violence, substance abuse, poverty, juvenile delinquency, and suicide risk; and

WHEREAS, the effects of a healthy marriage on children are extremely pronounced, since children who grow up with both a mother and father who are married are much more likely to graduate from high school, obtain a college degree, have higher earnings in adulthood, and do better academically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, healthy marriages save taxpayers throughout the nation hundreds of millions of dollars annually by reducing many households' need



for government assistance; and

WHEREAS, marriage breakdown and divorce take a toll on the emotional, physical, and financial well-being of not only the family nucleus but also extended family members and all of society as well, but strong marriages act as a force multiplier of community building across the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is committed to ensuring that Arkansas continues to be a leader in developing innovative strategies to strengthen and support families and a positive future for the state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas commends and encourages a sustained effort by residents, faith communities, businesses, organizations, and community leaders to strengthen marriages in a variety of ways, including healthy marriage and relationship education programs, conferences, celebrations, and public policies that support marriage,

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 acknowledge the institution of marriage as a healthy and stabilizing force for good in society and recognize February 7-14, 2025, as National Marriage Week.