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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS BIENNIAL MEETINGS; TO AUTHORIZE LEADERSHIP ARKANSAS ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS ANNUAL MEETINGS; TO AUTHORIZE ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS ANNUAL MEETINGS; AND TO AUTHORIZE ARKANSAS BOYS STATE ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS ANNUAL MEETINGS.

### Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION, LEADERSHIP ARKANSAS, ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE, AND ARKANSAS BOYS STATE.

WHEREAS, the Silver Haired Legislative Session has been conducted as a biennial, nonpartisan legislative session since 1977, in order to give senior citizens of the State of Arkansas the opportunity to participate in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Arkansas program is a program in which participants engage in a series of sessions designed to deepen their



understanding of various topics, including state government. Each year the Leadership Arkansas class holds a session at the State Capitol Building in which they assume the roles of legislators and work with sitting elected legislative leaders to move bills through the process from introduction to final debate and vote in the chamber; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Girls State is an immersive civics education program held each summer for young women who are expected to complete their junior year in high school. Since 1942, the weeklong program has included experiences designed to teach high school girls about involvement in every level of government, culminating in a visit to the State Capitol Building to participate in activities of elected officials, including a mock legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Boys State is an immersive leadership and civics engagement program for young men who are high school juniors. Since 1940, the weeklong camp has been held to allow the participants to administer a mock government, which includes visiting the State Capitol Building to hold a legislative session and pass mock legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Haired Legislative Session, Leadership Arkansas, Arkansas Boys State, and Arkansas Girls State each regularly request access to the Chamber of the House of Representatives for their sessions that take place in the State Capitol Building,

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 authorize access to and use of the Chamber of the House of Representatives for the 2025 and 2026 meetings of the Silver Haired Legislative Session, Leadership Arkansas, Arkansas Boys State, and Arkansas Girls State.