

By: Representative Henley

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO CELEBRATE THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF HOPE, ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

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HOPE, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Hope, Arkansas, was a settlement founded on the Cairo and Fulton Railroad in 1852, and received its "Hopeful" name in honor of the youngest daughter of the Commissioner of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Hope was incorporated April 8, 1875, and became a bustling and growing community; and

WHEREAS, Hope has endured and prospered throughout its one hundred fifty (150) years, thriving on the backs of citizens past and present who have and do instill a sense of community pride; and

WHEREAS, Hope has been the birthplace of many who have achieved prominence in the great State of Arkansas, nationally and internationally, most notably former fortieth and forty-second Governor of Arkansas and former forty-second President of the United States, the Honorable William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton, and the former forty-fourth Governor of Arkansas, the Honorable Michael Dale "Mike" Huckabee; and

WHEREAS, always striving to improve the quality of life, the citizens of Hope are successfully reviving their downtown, the heartbeat of any city, and recently voted for improvements to the town's parks and the construction



of an indoor recreational facility; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between Hope Public Schools and the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana has resulted in more Hope High School seniors graduating with associate degrees than any other city in Arkansas, which serves as a model for the rest of the state; and

WHEREAS, for much of its history, Hope has been known as “The Home of the World’s Largest Watermelons”,

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 take great pride in congratulating Hope, Arkansas, on the celebration of its sesquicentennial and its great legacy and hope for the future.