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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS PARLIAMENTARY LAW
MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, parliamentary procedure is essential to the effective operation and the promotion of democratic ideals in any deliberative body; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly throughout its history has depended on its constitutionally given authority to develop and exercise its own rules and procedures to deliver representative democracy in the governance of this great state; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of parliamentary procedure in maintaining democratic institutions, the National Association of Parliamentarians by standing rule has designated April as Parliamentary Law Month; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Parliamentarians designated April as Parliamentary Law Month in part to recognize the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the first American manual of parliamentary procedure in 1801 at the dawn of the American republic; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Parliamentary Law Month offers the



opportunity to recognize not only the importance of parliamentary procedure but also the contributions of individuals whose careers followed the example of Thomas Jefferson to define and give form to formal parliamentary procedures, including:

- (1) Henry Martyn Robert, author of Robert's Rules of Order; and
- (2) Paul Mason, parliamentarian of the California Senate and author of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, the adopted parliamentary authority of the House of Representatives and of numerous other legislative bodies in the United States,

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 join the National Association of Parliamentarians, the Arkansas State Association of Parliamentarians, and the Arkansas Pink Diamonds Electronic Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians in designating the month of April as Parliamentary Law Month in Arkansas.