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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO WELCOME LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RETIRED) JAY B.
SILVERIA AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
SYSTEM.

Subtitle

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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, after a national search, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas appointed Lieutenant General (Retired) Jay B. Silveria to succeed Dr. Donald R. Bobbitt as President of the University of Arkansas system beginning January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role of President from his lengthy career in military leadership, including as the former Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and more recently from his experience as Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Texas A&M University's Bush School of Government & Public Service in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria served as Deputy Commander, Combined Air Force Air Component, United States Central Command, Southwest Asia, where he was responsible for the command and control of air operations in a twenty-nation area and where key operations Resolute Support in Afghanistan and Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria were executed under his



command; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria previously served as Commander, United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and Vice Commander, Fourteenth Air Force, Air Forces Strategic Space Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, as well as Director of Security Assistance in the Office of Security Cooperation in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria is a command pilot with more than three thousand nine hundred (3,900) flight hours in the F-15 and F-35 fighter jets, and he commanded a fighter wing, an air and space operations center, and a fighter squadron, earning the Distinguished Service Medal and a Bronze Star Medal among other air medals during his career; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria earned a bachelor's degree from the United States Air Force Academy and a master's degree from Syracuse University, attended the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C., was a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University, and attended the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents at the Harvard Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Silveria brings an extensive resume, exceptional leadership skills, sound judgment, and steady temperament to provide guidance and direction to the state's largest university system, including twenty (20) campuses, divisions, and units across the state,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate welcome Lieutenant General Jay B. Silveria as the next President of the University of Arkansas system and offer its sincere congratulations to him on his appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to Lieutenant General Silveria by the Secretary of the Senate.