

By: Senator F. Love

## SENATE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 17, 2025, AS JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC., GREATER LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL AND CELEBRATE THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDURING COMMITMENT TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, PHILANTHROPY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

### Subtitle

TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 17, 2025, AS JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC., GREATER LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a nationally esteemed organization with two hundred seventy-one (271) chapters spanning seven (7) geographical regions representing over fifty thousand (50,000) family members across the country; and

WHEREAS, through its annual programs guided by a national theme, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., fosters a legacy of leadership development, volunteerism, philanthropy, and civic responsibility, striving to create meaningful change in communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., was founded on January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the late Marion Stubbs Thomas, who, along with twenty (20) visionary mothers, sought to establish an organization dedicated to providing social, cultural, and educational enrichment opportunities for African-American youth aged two to nineteen (2-19); and



WHEREAS, since its inception, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., has experienced remarkable growth, as like-minded mothers have formed new chapters across the globe united by a shared dedication to children and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation is the philanthropic branch of the organization and since its founding in 1968, the foundation has contributed millions of dollars to support communities nationwide, furthering its mission of service and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter proudly marks its twenty-fifth anniversary celebrating a legacy of service, education, philanthropy, and leadership development that has positively impacted children, families, and the broader Arkansas community; and

WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter benefits from strong leadership, with Dr. Telischa Lewis serving as Chapter President, and her unwavering dedication to the organization's mission has enhanced its impact across the state; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter is also distinguished by its representation on the national stage, with Suzanne Ornelas serving as National Editor, further showcasing its commitment to leadership and service at a broader level; and

WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter is a part of the Central Region, which encompasses seventeen (17) chapters across seven (7) states, stretching from the banks of the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains under the dedicated leadership of Central Region Director Torii Ransome Freeman; and

WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes and honors organizations that exemplify excellence in community service, particularly those such as Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter, whose work uplifts and strengthens the future of Arkansas by investing in its youth and fostering

leadership,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize March 17, 2025, as Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Greater Little Rock Chapter Day at the State Capitol and celebrate the organization's profound contributions to communities nationwide and enduring commitment to youth development, philanthropy, and community service, which continue to create lasting positive change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Telischa Lewis by the Secretary of the Senate.