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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE LEGACY KEEPERS NURSE  
10 HONOR GUARD OF ARKANSAS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO  
11 THE PROFESSION OF NURSING THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF  
12 ARKANSAS.  
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20 STATE OF ARKANSAS.  
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22 WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas was  
23 established in 2025 by a group of nurses and community supporters; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas was formed to  
26 ensure that nurses throughout Arkansas are remembered, respected, and  
27 celebrated for their selfless service in life and upon passing; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas carries out  
30 the spirit of nursing through service in local communities throughout  
31 Arkansas; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas honors the  
34 unwavering dedication of nurses by preserving their memory through personal  
35 and meaningful tributes; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas celebrates  
2 the lives of nurses who have served their communities, supports nurses  
3 throughout Arkansas who continue to care and inspire others through their  
4 service, and upholds the highest standards of the nursing profession; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas solemnly  
7 recognizes the lives and service of nurses who have passed away through  
8 dignified tributes, ceremonies, and preserving stories, in order to ensure  
9 that the dedication of those nurses to healing and humanity is never  
10 forgotten; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the work of the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas  
13 upholds the legacy of nursing as a sacred calling and honors those nurses who  
14 gave so much of themselves throughout their lives and careers; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas is committed  
17 to excellence in every action, leading by example, acting with integrity, and  
18 serving and representing the nursing profession with professionalism and  
19 pride; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the members of the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of  
22 Arkansas embody compassion, ethical practice, and leadership throughout each  
23 and every tribute and community engagement; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas inspires  
26 people throughout Arkansas with the sharing of stories of nurses who made a  
27 difference in the lives of others and by uplifting those nurses who continue  
28 such journeys each and every day; and  
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30           WHEREAS, through recognition, mentorship, and advocacy, the Legacy  
31 Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas empowers nurses through all stages of  
32 their lives and careers and champions the essential role that nurses play in  
33 their local communities; and  
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35           WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas carries the  
36 spirit of nursing through service in local communities; and

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WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas is committed to making a meaningful difference in local communities and in the lives of nurses through public events, educational outreach, and partnerships with other service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the founding board members of the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas are President Paula Day, RN, Vice President Dollie Carey, BSN, RN, Secretary Madison Besancon, Treasurer Kayla Lawrence, Chapter Leader and Member at Large Tina Copock, LPN, Member at Large Bud Gates, Member at Large Sheila Nolen, ADN, RN, and Member at Large Chrissy Matthews; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas continues the nurses' mission of care throughout all of Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize and commend the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas for outstanding service and leadership to the profession of nursing throughout the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of the Legacy Keepers Nurse Honor Guard of Arkansas by the Secretary of the Senate.