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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, former Senator Uvalde Rex Lindsey, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey was born on January 17, 1940, in Harrison, Arkansas, to Uvalde Roy Lindsey and Otie Sue Lindsey; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey graduated from Harrison High School in 1958, where he was student body president and voted as "Most Likely to Succeed"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, and from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; and



WHEREAS, following the unexpected death of his father when Senator Lindsey was only twenty-three (23) years old, Senator Lindsey took over and ran his family's business, Continental Auto Supply, which he then successfully expanded to eighteen (18) stores across three (3) states, before selling the business to O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey served his nation in the United States Army Reserve from 1962 until 1972, ultimately rising to the rank of First Lieutenant and serving as a company commander; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey's storied history as a public servant began in 1972 when he was elected to the Harrison City Council, where Senator Lindsey would serve for a decade, including three (3) terms as budget chairman; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey also served as budget officer for Governor Bill Clinton and worked on the 1984 re-election campaign of United States Senator David Pryor; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Senator Lindsey became the Executive Director of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, where he helped to secure federal grants for rural transportation, aging services, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey played a key role in the designation of U.S. Highway 412, was a founding leader of the Northwest Arkansas Council, where he served until retiring in 2004, and advocated for major projects to benefit the region, including the Northwest Arkansas National Airport, Interstate 49, and the Two-Ton Regional Water District; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Senator Lindsey ran for election as representative for District Eighty-Eight (88) of the House of Representatives, where he served until 2013, including in a variety of leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Senator Lindsey took office as senator for District Four (4) of the Senate, where he served until 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator Lindsey served in a variety of leadership roles, including as Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee, Chair of the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism, and Chair of the Legislative Task Force on the Best Practices for Special Education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey was widely known and respected, especially for his expertise in state budget matters and for his strong advocacy for children with autism and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey was a dedicated member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden at St. John's Episcopal Church in Harrison, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lindsey is survived by his wife, Jo Dodson Lindsey, by his children, Roy Beth Lindsey Kelley, Suzette R. Lindsey Noble, Mathew B. Lindsey, Michael G. Lindsey, and John Mark Lindsey, by his step-daughters, Nora Hall and Linda Wallis, and by his twelve (12) grandchildren and six (6) great-grandchildren,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate remember former Senator Uvalde Rex Lindsey and recognize his many contributions to the State of Arkansas and to his local community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to Jo Dodson Lindsey and family by the Secretary of the Senate.