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## SENATE RESOLUTION

TO HONOR JOHN PENDLETON REED FOR HIS EXEMPLARY AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SENATE AND TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

TO HONOR JOHN PENDLETON REED FOR HIS EXEMPLARY AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SENATE AND TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, John Pendleton Reed, an important and valued member of the staff of the Senate who served in the role of public information officer, officially retired on November 30, 2025, after over thirty-five (35) years of steadfast commitment to the Senate and to the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, John Reed was born on October 14, 1954, at the Willow Run Air Force Base in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to Roy Reed and Norma Reed; and

WHEREAS, as a child, John Reed moved around the United States with his family as his father, Roy Reed, took various assignments as a newspaperman, first in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where Roy Reed was in the United States Air Force and ran the Willow Run Air Force Base newspaper, and then in Atlanta, Georgia, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, Louisiana as part of Roy Reed's job at The New York Times; and



WHEREAS, John Reed attended public schools in Little Rock, Atlanta, and New Orleans before graduating in 1973 from Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, John Reed attended Yale University, from which he graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature; and

WHEREAS, John Reed, who is fluent in both written and spoken Spanish, spent his junior year of college abroad in Madrid, Spain, at the St. Louis University in Madrid; and

WHEREAS, in April 1980, after graduating from college, John Reed moved to Madrid, Spain, to work at the Institutos Mangold, where he taught English as a foreign language, worked as an administrator, conducted placement interviews, operated the language laboratory, and wrote test materials; and

WHEREAS, in October 1983, John Reed moved from Madrid, Spain, to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to work at the Pine Bluff Commercial, where he was a business and political issues reporter; and

WHEREAS, in February 1985, John Reed went to work for the Arkansas Gazette, where he became the Capitol beat reporter and covered the legislature, state government, and gubernatorial and United States Senate races and where he won multiple awards for his reporting on teenage pregnancies in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1990, John Reed began his employment with the Senate as public information officer; and

WHEREAS, from the first day that he set foot in the Senate chamber, John Reed has demonstrated rare loyalty as a state employee and a deep dedication to the legislative institution and its members; and

WHEREAS, throughout his over thirty-five (35) years of service with the Senate, John Reed's institutional knowledge has contributed greatly to the operation of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, as public information officer of the Senate, John Reed carried out his responsibilities with accuracy and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, John Reed has left an indelible mark upon the Senate through his dedication and commitment to serving the people of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, during his service as public information officer of the Senate, John Reed also found time to raise two (2) sons, Bernard and Vincent, and to spend time with his wife, Angie Clingmon-Reed, whom he married on January 26, 2013, during the Regular Session of the Eighty-Nineth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, John Reed will have time to focus on his hobbies, which include reading mystery books, supporting the Atlanta Braves, the New Orleans Saints, and the Arkansas Razorbacks, listening to music, and re-learning how to play the guitar; and

WHEREAS, John Reed will be sorely missed by the staff and members of the Senate for his expertise and his institutional knowledge,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate honor John Pendleton Reed for his exemplary and dedicated service to the Senate and to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the staff and members of the Senate join in congratulating John Pendleton Reed on his retirement, in expressing their heartfelt gratitude to John Pendleton Reed for his over thirty-five (35) years of outstanding service to the Senate, and in wishing John Pendleton Reed the very best in the years ahead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to John Pendleton Reed by the Secretary of the Senate.