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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO HONOR THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE ON ITS
9 225TH ANNIVERSARY; AND TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE
10 CONTINUING EFFORTS TO BUILD THE U.S. MARSHALS MUSEUM
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22 WHEREAS, President George Washington established the United States
23 Marshals Service when he signed Senate Bill 1 into law September 24, 1789,
24 less than five months after he became the first President of the United
25 States; and
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27 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest federal law
28 enforcement agency and has served the nation with honor and distinction for
29 225 years; and
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31 WHEREAS, to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Marshals
32 Service, Congress and the President of the United States enacted Pub. L. No.
33 112-104, that provided for the minting of three U.S. Marshals Service 225th
34 Anniversary Commemorative Coins, first made available to the American people
35 in January, 2015; and
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1 WHEREAS, the five-dollar gold coin is emblematic of the more than 250
2 men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty over the 225 year
3 history of the U.S. Marshals Service; and
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5 WHEREAS, the silver dollar honors the legendary status of the U.S.
6 Marshals Service as the lawmen of our frontiers as the frontier spread from
7 the thirteen original states across this nation to the Pacific, and then to
8 Alaska and to space; and
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10 WHEREAS, the "Frontier U.S. Marshal" silver dollar depicts a U.S.
11 Marshal holding a warrant that reads "Wanted In Fort Smith" thereby
12 recognizing the primacy of the federal court for the Western District of
13 Arkansas in spreading the Rule of Law westward in to what is present-day
14 Oklahoma; and
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16 WHEREAS, the half-dollar coin is representative of the roles of U.S.
17 Marshals Service throughout the history of the United States, and especially
18 the role of the U.S. Marshals Service in our changing nation as pivotal
19 events shaped the nation's history; and
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21 WHEREAS, the minting and sale of these commemorative coins may provide
22 up to five million dollars in available surcharges for the preservation,
23 maintenance, and display of artifacts and documents; and
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25 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Museum's National Learning Center will be a
26 center for learning important lessons of United States history, the
27 Constitution, and the great principles of our constitutional democracy,
28 thereby promoting civic literacy for children and adults alike throughout the
29 state and nation; and
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31 WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Museum will add a third national museum in
32 Arkansas and will promote riverfront development, downtown revitalization in
33 Fort Smith, and tourism in Arkansas and Oklahoma,
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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly
4 commends the United States Marshals Service for its 225 year history of
5 service to the United States of America and the State of Arkansas.
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives continues to
8 support the establishment of the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith,
9 Arkansas, and that the House of Representatives further commends the U.S.
10 Marshals Museum and the U.S. Marshals Museum Foundation for their efforts to
11 build the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, Arkansas, their educational
12 programming that seeks to teach the great lessons of our constitutional
13 democracy, and their promotion of the sale of the U.S. Marshals Service 225th
14 Anniversary Commemorative Coins, which bring honor to the U.S. Marshals
15 Service and recognize the role of Fort Smith and the Western District of
16 Arkansas in bringing law and order to present-day Oklahoma as the nation
17 spread westward.
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