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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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23 WHEREAS, Senator David W. Wyatt, 65, of Rosie, Arkansas, died Monday,
24 January 12, 2015, at White River Medical Center in Batesville, Arkansas; and

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26 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was born June 28, 1949, in Batesville, and he
27 was the son of Gerald Wyatt and Ellen Pruett Wyatt; and

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29 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was a 1968 graduate of Southside High School and
30 attended the University of Central Arkansas at Conway; and

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32 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt served as Independence County Judge for over 20
33 years, he was a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives for 4 years,
34 and he was a member of the Arkansas Senate for 6 years; and

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36 WHEREAS, as a legislator, Senator Wyatt sponsored and passed



1 legislation that benefitted Arkansans residing in small towns and rural
2 communities; and

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4 WHEREAS, some of Senator Wyatt's many achievements include the creation
5 of a modern network of paved roads in rural Independence County, Arkansas,
6 the expansion of trash pickup, the establishment of a recycling center which
7 is one of the first of its kind in the state, and the construction of the
8 Independence County Jail in full compliance with state law; and

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10 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was an iconic public servant for Independence
11 County for over 30 years and some of his most memorable achievements were his
12 personal acts of kindness as he served his community; and

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14 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt's advice and counsel were sought by legislators,
15 governors, and members of congress, no request was too small or unimportant,
16 and he was known to be meticulous in returning calls, emails, and letters;
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19 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt was also a successful farmer and cattleman as he
20 and his brothers managed one of the largest farm and cattle operations in
21 north central Arkansas; and his family was previously awarded the Arkansas
22 Farm Bureau Independence County Farm Family of the Year award; and

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24 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt is survived by his wife of 44 years, Deborah
25 Bowers Wyatt of Rosie, his two sons, Mark Wyatt, married to Debbie Wyatt, and
26 Matthew Wyatt, married to Amber Wyatt of Rosie, his four grandchildren,
27 Greyson Wyatt of Batesville, Bentley and Wren Wyatt of Rosie, and Hope Wyatt
28 of Batesville, his father, Gerald Wyatt of Rosie, his two brothers, John
29 Wyatt, married to Betty Ann Wyatt of Rosie, and Stephen Wyatt of Rosie, his
30 two aunts, Mary Baxter of Batesville, and Billie Miller of Newark, his two
31 nieces, Sarah and Savanna Wyatt, and his two nephews, Andrew and Marshal
32 Wyatt; and

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34 WHEREAS, Senator Wyatt earned a reputation in the General Assembly for
35 being fair, reasonable, level-headed, and easy for members and staff to work
36 with, and will be greatly missed; and

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WHEREAS, the Senate wishes to publically recognize Senator Wyatt's contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognizes Senator Wyatt's commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and his local community, and commends him for his contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Senator David W. Wyatt and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to his family by the Secretary of the Senate.