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SENATE RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL ETHICS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS SENATE IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF SENATOR STANLEY RUSS.

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Subtitle

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

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WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Senate to highlight the importance of its Code of Ethics and to annually remind the Senate members of the importance of conducting themselves with integrity in all of their affairs, whether personal, professional, or public; and

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WHEREAS, members of the Senate should expect to be held to a higher standard due to the public trust placed in them to conduct the business of the State of Arkansas and to serve the people of the State of Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, the members of the Senate wish to hold themselves to the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards at all times and to conduct themselves with the utmost integrity expected of all those who are

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1 granted the opportunity to serve the people of the State of Arkansas; and

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3 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate wish to continually acknowledge the
4 importance of the Code of Ethics of the Senate as well as their roles as
5 public servants; and

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7 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate adopt this amendment to their rules
8 in honor and in memory of Senator Stanley Russ, former Arkansas State
9 Senator, who always maintained a high standard of ethics both personally and
10 as a senator,

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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16 SECTION 1. Rule 24, concerning the Code of Ethics, of the Rules of the
17 Senate of the Ninety-First General Assembly is amended to add an additional
18 section to read as follows:

19 24.13 Annual Ethics Acknowledgment

20 A member of the Senate shall publicly acknowledge his or her understanding of
21 the Code of Ethics of the Senate and shall renew his or her commitment to the
22 Code of Ethics by signing an ethics acknowledgment form in January of each
23 year during his or her term in office.