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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PHILANTHROPIC
9 EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
14 PHILANTHROPIC EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN
15 ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., is a
19 philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women,
20 the education of women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and
21 stewardship of Cottey College, and motivate women to achieve their highest
22 aspirations; and

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24 WHEREAS, P.E.O. was founded on January 21, 1869, by 7 students at Iowa
25 Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and its membership eventually grew
26 to include nearly a quarter of a million members in chapters throughout the
27 United States and Canada; and

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29 WHEREAS, P.E.O. has awarded more than \$143.6 million in Educational
30 Loan Funds, more than \$29 million in International Peace Scholarships, more
31 than \$43 million in Program for Continuing Education grants, more than \$16
32 million in Scholar Awards, and more than \$2.6 million in P.E.O. STAR
33 Scholarships; and

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35 WHEREAS, P.E.O. offers women the potential to develop leadership skills
36 though volunteer service through its local, state, district, and



1 international chapters, and P.E.O. has over 6,000 chapters in each of the 50
2 United States, District of Columbia, and in 6 Canadian provinces; and

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4 WHEREAS, P.E.O. is a source of encouragement and support for women as
5 they realize their potential and friendship is the cornerstone of P.E.O.,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
9 OF ARKANSAS:

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11 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly of the State of
12 Arkansas recognizes the importance of the Philanthropic Educational
13 Organization in Arkansas.

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, an appropriate copy be
16 provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Maria Baseggio, President of
17 P.E.O. International Chapter, Jackie Matt, Executive Director of P.E.O, and
18 Julie Gaddy, President of the P.E.O. Arkansas Chapter.