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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO CONGRATULATE FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR ONE
10 HUNDRED FIFTY (150) YEARS OF EXCELLENT PUBLIC
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14 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, Fayetteville School District No. 1 of Washington County,
23 Arkansas, also known as the "District", was the first public school district
24 chartered in the State of Arkansas in 1871; and

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26 WHEREAS, the first meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education was
27 held on March 20, 1871; and

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29 WHEREAS, throughout the one-hundred-fifty-year history of Fayetteville
30 Public Schools, the District has consistently set high standards for
31 excellence, inclusion, and innovation; and

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33 WHEREAS, in 1921, Leverett Elementary School in Fayetteville became the
34 first school in Arkansas to become a member of the National Congress of
35 Mothers, later known as the "National PTA"; and

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1 WHEREAS, the District has a long-standing commitment to equity and
2 equality for all, including the Fayetteville School Board's decision on May
3 21, 1954, to voluntarily begin integrating the District's schools, just four
4 (4) days after the landmark opinion of Brown v. Board of Education was issued
5 by the United States Supreme Court; and

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7 WHEREAS, the District opened Uptown School in 1972 to serve students
8 who were in danger of dropping out of school, and it was the longest
9 continually operating alternative school in Arkansas; and

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11 WHEREAS, Fayetteville Public Schools administrator Henrietta Holcomb
12 and state representative Hugh Kincaid led the push for kindergarten in
13 Arkansas public schools during the 1975 legislative session; and

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15 WHEREAS, a group of teachers in the District wrote an Arkansas history
16 curriculum for students in grade four (4) in 1984 since an Arkansas history
17 curriculum did not exist at the time, and school districts around the state
18 requested copies of the Arkansas history curriculum; and

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20 WHEREAS, established in 1983, the Fayetteville Public Schools Gifted
21 and Talented education program became the standard for gifted and talented
22 programs in Arkansas and has been recognized as the state's top gifted and
23 talented program a record seven (7) times; and

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25 WHEREAS, the District opened Fayetteville Virtual Academy in 2016,
26 which was the first district charter conversion online public school in
27 Arkansas; and

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29 WHEREAS, the District continues to live up to its mission to
30 personalize learning and exceed expectations every day in an inclusive and
31 safe environment; and

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33 WHEREAS, the District upholds the vision to be the trusted leader in
34 Arkansas public education, ensuring every student achieves his or her full
35 potential,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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5 THAT the Ninety-Third General Assembly congratulate Fayetteville Public
6 Schools for achieving one hundred fifty (150) years of excellent public
7 education.
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