

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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HR 1014

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5 By: Representative B. Overbey

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OARK  
9 GENERAL STORE AS THE OLDEST CONTINUING BUSINESS OF  
10 ITS KIND IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE  
15 OF THE OARK GENERAL STORE AS THE OLDEST  
16 CONTINUING BUSINESS OF ITS KIND IN THE  
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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20 WHEREAS, the Oark General Store was established before 1890 and  
21 continues to operate today; and it is located east of Arkansas Highway 215 in  
22 Oark, Arkansas, in Johnson County; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Oark General Store's initial significance was due to its  
25 unique location in Oark, Arkansas, which had been historically isolated from  
26 the rest of the state given its topography; and the Oark General Store  
27 provided the Oark community access to luxuries and necessities that would  
28 have otherwise been unobtainable before modern transportation became readily  
29 accessible; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Oark General Store is historically significant as a  
32 central meeting place and market for early settlers and trappers; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Oark General Store was included in the Arkansas Register  
35 of Historic Places in 1995; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Oark General Store operates presently as the oldest  
2 continuing business of its kind in Arkansas and is deserving of public  
3 recognition and appreciation,  
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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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9           THAT the House of Representatives recognizes the historical  
10 significance of the Oark General Store as the oldest continuing business in  
11 the state of Arkansas.  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
14 presented by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Oark  
15 General Store's owners, Brian and Reagan Eisele, who recently celebrated the  
16 arrival of their daughter, Cecilia, on November 30, 2014.  
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