

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
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HR 1024

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5 By: Representative Rushing

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AS FREEDOM OF  
9 INFORMATION ACT DAY IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AS FREEDOM  
14 OF INFORMATION ACT DAY IN ARKANSAS.

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17 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act of 1967 was signed  
18 into law on February 14, 1967, by the late Governor Winthrop Rockefeller; and

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20 WHEREAS, the enactment of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 was a  
21 notable accomplishment of Governor Rockefeller during his tenure as Governor  
22 of Arkansas; and

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24 WHEREAS, the legislative intent in passing the Freedom of Information  
25 Act of 1967 was to ensure that public business be performed in an open and  
26 public manner and that the records of government be accessible to the  
27 Arkansas public; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 ended a long era of  
30 decisions made behind closed doors and by a small group of individuals who  
31 did not always have the best interest of the people of Arkansas in mind; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 continues to be  
34 recognized as one of the best in the country, and it remains a shining  
35 example of open government as well as an effective law in maintaining  
36 government transparency in Arkansas; and



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2           WHEREAS, due to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, the business of  
3 government at all levels in Arkansas, including state agencies, counties, and  
4 other local governments, is open and accessible to the citizens of Arkansas;  
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7           WHEREAS, February 14, 2017 marks the fiftieth anniversary of Governor  
8 Rockefeller signing the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 into law; and

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10           WHEREAS, the actions of the General Assembly continue to honor the  
11 legacy of Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, preserving now for a half-century  
12 the significant impact he had on the State of Arkansas,

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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18           THAT the House of Representatives recognize the fiftieth anniversary of  
19 the enactment of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act of 1967 as a  
20 significant moment in state history and a momentous event for the people of  
21 the State of Arkansas, and designate February 14, 2017 as Freedom of  
22 Information Act Day in Arkansas.