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HR 1031

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5 By: Representatives Tosh, Ladyman

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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9 SCHOOL AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING  
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19 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
20 Training Corps has had many recent successes and engaged in many acts of  
21 service; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
24 Training Corps has been named the Arkansas Air Force Association's Air Force  
25 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit of the year for the last three (3)  
26 school years; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
29 Training Corps cadets have completed over seven thousand (7000) hours of  
30 community service in the last five (5) school years, including packing over  
31 five hundred thousand (500,000) meals at the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas;  
32 and

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34 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
35 Training Corps cadets participated in a mentoring program, matching them with  
36 kindergarten and first grade students at Westside Elementary, who had been



1 identified by their school counselor as needing a "big brother" or "big  
2 sister"; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
5 Training Corps hosts an annual Bataan Death March Memorial Hike, which  
6 includes a fourteen (14) mile march to honor all World War Two veterans, but  
7 in particular American and Filipino victims of the Bataan Death March; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
10 Training Corps plans, organizes, and conducts a school-wide ceremony annually  
11 on September 11 to honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the  
12 terrorist attacks in 2001; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
15 Training Corps recognizes Veterans Day by placing United States flags on the  
16 graves of over five hundred (500) military veterans at cemeteries; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
19 Training Corps hosts an annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in which they collect  
20 hundreds of no longer serviceable United States flags from around their  
21 community and provide them with the proper, respectful retirement; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
24 Training Corps Cadet Drill and Color Guard Teams broke the program record by  
25 earning over thirty (30) awards and trophies, competing in drill competitions  
26 throughout the state; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
29 Training Corps hosts an annual physical fitness competition for other junior  
30 reserve officer training corps in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and  
31 Missouri, and has raised over twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) over the last  
32 five (5) years to help support the Westside High School Air Force Junior  
33 Reserve Officer Training Corps community service efforts; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
36 Training Corps is the only such program in the state to have at least one (1)

1 cadet selected to attend the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps  
2 Flight Academy for three (3) straight years; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
5 Training Corps currently has three (3) former cadets enrolled at the United  
6 States Air Force Academy, where they will earn their degrees and commissions  
7 as officers in the United States Air Force; and

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9 WHEREAS, in the 2019-2020 school year Westside High School Air Force  
10 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Laityn Tippy was recognized as  
11 the most outstanding cadet in all of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
12 Training Corps, which includes over nine hundred (900) locations and over one  
13 hundred twenty thousand (120,000) cadets around the world; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer  
16 Training Corps has been supported in these many successes by Major Scott  
17 Norman, Technical Sergeant Peter Mamula, and other staff members,

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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 THAT the House of Representatives congratulate and recognize the  
24 Westside High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps for its  
25 many recent accomplishments and acts of service.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to the Superintendent of the Westside Consolidated School District,  
29 Scott Gauntt, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.