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HR 1036

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5 By: Representative Williams  
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE FOR ITS  
9 STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC HEALTH  
10 CARE AND EDUCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN  
11 RURAL ARKANSAS.  
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15 COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS AGING INITIATIVE  
16 FOR ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO  
17 ARKANSAS'S SENIOR CITIZENS.  
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20 WHEREAS, the Eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas  
21 provided money from the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to fund a  
22 statewide program of specialized health care services for seniors living in  
23 rural Arkansas; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, a program of the Donald W.  
26 Reynolds Institute on Aging, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,  
27 formed partnerships with local and regional hospitals, area health education  
28 centers, the area agencies on aging, the Division of Aging and Adult Services  
29 of the Department of Human Services, local communities, and colleges and  
30 universities; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative, using these partnerships,  
33 established the comprehensive regional centers on aging: Delta Center on  
34 Aging (West Memphis), South Arkansas Center on Aging (El Dorado), West  
35 Central Center on Aging (Fort Smith), Center on Aging - Northeast  
36 (Jonesboro), South Central Center on Aging (Pine Bluff), Schmieding Center



1 for Senior Health and Education (Springdale), Texarkana Regional Center on  
2 Aging (Texarkana), Oaklawn Senior Health Care Center (Hot Springs), and Mruk  
3 Family Center on Aging (Mountain Home); and

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5 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative designed a model program to  
6 deliver specialized interprofessional geriatric healthcare and education  
7 programs to senior citizens residing in rural Arkansas; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative has become a national model and  
10 is being replicated in the State of Oklahoma with a grant from the Donald W.  
11 Reynolds Foundation; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative continues to address the needs  
14 of seniors by using a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to  
15 replicate the Schmieding Home Caregiver Program at other regional centers on  
16 aging for family members and persons needing specialized training to care for  
17 seniors; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Aging Initiative provides specialized  
20 interprofessional geriatric healthcare and education programs through a  
21 network of comprehensive regional centers on aging within sixty (60) miles of  
22 every Arkansas senior,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and commends Dr. Claudia  
29 Beverly and the Arkansas Aging Initiative leadership team for their efforts  
30 in designing, implementing, and operating the comprehensive program of  
31 specialized health services for our senior citizens and their families.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives commends the  
34 participating hospital administrators, geriatricians, nurses, educators, and  
35 other members of the health profession teams working in these rural areas for  
36 their commitment and devotion to improving the quality of life for older

1 Arkansans and their families.  
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