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HR 1071

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE NANCY JO SMITH FOR OVER FIFTY (50) YEARS  
9 OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL  
10 SCIENCES, TO HER PATIENTS, AND TO THE STATE OF  
11 ARKANSAS.

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14 **Subtitle**

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17 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL  
18 SCIENCES, TO HER PATIENTS, AND TO THE  
19 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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21 WHEREAS, Nancy Jo Smith began her history of service volunteering as a  
22 candy striper at Ouachita County Hospital while only fifteen (15) years old;  
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25 WHEREAS, Nancy Jo Smith first studied to become a nurse practitioner at  
26 Henderson State University then transferred to the University of Arkansas for  
27 Medical Sciences (UAMS) to take part in the first nurse practitioner program  
28 at the College of Nursing; and

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30 WHEREAS, after her graduation, Nancy Jo Smith remained at UAMS working  
31 in the emergency department, the burn unit, and as the chief nurse in the  
32 Department of Orthopedics; and

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34 WHEREAS, in 2002, Nancy Jo Smith moved to the Special Services  
35 Department and is currently the Director of Special Services; and

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1           WHEREAS, while working in the Special Services Department Nancy Jo  
2 Smith has made a name for herself as a problem solver, earned the deep  
3 respect of people throughout the UAMS system, and has been referred to as the  
4 person who actually runs UAMS; and

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6           WHEREAS, as the Director of Special Services, Nancy Jo Smith has become  
7 well-known by the members of the General Assembly for her unwavering  
8 assistance to the citizens of the State of Arkansas; and

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10           WHEREAS, Nancy Jo Smith received the 2022 UAMS Award for Distinguished  
11 Service and Chancellor Cam Patterson stated "Impossible is not a word in Jo's  
12 vocabulary. We are extremely thankful that she is part of Team UAMS and  
13 grateful for everything she makes possible for our patients",

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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19           THAT the House of Representatives recognize Nancy Jo Smith for over  
20 fifty (50) years of service to UAMS, to her patients, and to the State of  
21 Arkansas.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be  
24 provided to Nancy Jo Smith by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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