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5 By: Senator E. Williams

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7 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 REMEMBERING SENATOR JERRY TAYLOR AND HIS MANY
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL
10 COMMUNITY.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 REMEMBERING SENATOR JERRY TAYLOR AND HIS
15 MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
16 ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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18 WHEREAS, Jerry Wayne Taylor, 78, of Benton, Arkansas, formerly of Pine
19 Bluff, Arkansas, died on Saturday, March 19, 2016; and

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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was born on October 9, 1937, in Rison, Arkansas, to
22 Jewell and Gertrude Hall Taylor; was an active member of Hurricane Lake
23 Baptist Church in Bryant, Arkansas; and loved and was loved by his Sunday
24 School class and his church friends; and

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor graduated in 1955 from Rison High School; in 1961,
27 served in the United States Army; early in his career, worked in heavy
28 construction for several companies, organizations, and projects, including
29 the Arkansas Highway Department, International Paper, Millwood Dam, and the
30 Highway 79 Bridge on the Arkansas River; was roving engineer on all eighteen
31 (18) Titan II missile bases while at Midland Construction; and owned Taylor
32 Realty and Taylor Surveying Company in Pine Bluff; and

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34 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was involved in politics for thirty-two (32) years
35 and found great joy in serving others; served on the Pine Bluff City Council
36 for twelve (12) years, as Pine Bluff mayor for eight (8) years, as a member



1 of the House of Representatives for four (4) years, and as a member of the
2 Senate for eight (8) years, serving as Assistant President Pro Tempore during
3 his time in the Senate; and retired in December 2012 from politics, never
4 having lost a race; and

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6 WHEREAS, Senator Taylor was a consummate gentleman who treated all
7 people with the upmost respect and kindness; was always ready to lend a hand;
8 and was always civil in his debate; and

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10 WHEREAS, Senator Taylor enjoyed many pastimes, especially hunting,
11 fishing, and golfing; and after retirement, he joined a fitness center where
12 he and friends played chair volleyball, followed by lunches together; and
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14 WHEREAS, of all the blessings in Senator Taylor's life, he treasured
15 his wife Linda, their two (2) children, their (3) grandchildren, and their
16 son-in-law the most; and

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18 WHEREAS, Senator Taylor was preceded in death by his parents; two (2)
19 sisters, Jewell Dean Taylor of Rison, and Inez Greenlee (Franklin) of White
20 Hall, Arkansas; and two (2) brothers, James Taylor (Ida) of Rison and Wiley
21 Taylor (Celia) of Rison; and

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23 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of fifty-four (54) years, Linda
24 Moore Taylor; his daughter, Pam DePriest and her husband Don DePriest of
25 Morrilton, Arkansas; his son, Kelly Taylor of White Hall; his three (3)
26 grandchildren, Josh DePriest of Edwards, Colorado, Amber DePriest of Benton,
27 and Hanna Kelli Taylor of White Hall; his brothers, Bobby Taylor and his wife
28 Barbara of Atlanta, Texas, Ben Taylor and his wife Cookie of White Hall, Tom
29 Taylor and his wife Janice of Benton; and one (1) sister, Betty Pinckard and
30 her husband Ellis of Pine Bluff; and many nieces and nephews and friends,
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32 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
33 OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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35 THAT the Senate remembers and commends Senator Jerry Wayne Taylor for
36 his many contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local community.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to the family of Senator Taylor by the Secretary of the Senate.