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5 By: Senator M. Johnson

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7 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

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9 AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. George O. Jernigan Jr. of Little Rock, Arkansas, was born  
21 on September 22, 1939, and passed away on February 24, 2019, at the age of  
22 79; and

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24 WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and attended  
25 Little Rock Central High School before attending the University of Arkansas  
26 at Fayetteville where he was a drum major and member of the Sigma Chi  
27 Fraternity; and

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29 WHEREAS, upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Mr. Jernigan  
30 attended the University of Arkansas School of Law and obtained his Juris  
31 Doctorate – a degree he used throughout his career in the private practice of  
32 law and as general counsel for several companies in the central Arkansas  
33 area; and

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35 WHEREAS, after completing his education Mr. Jernigan joined the United  
36 States Army and achieved the rank of Captain; and



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WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan was active in politics, helping many of his contemporaries succeed within the political arena before being appointed by Governor David Pryor to serve as Secretary of State in 1975, after which Mr. Jernigan became the chair of the Democratic Party of Arkansas during the time of then-Governor Bill Clinton's nomination for president at the Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan always maintained a love for the Sigma Chi Fraternity and served as a local chapter advisor and mentor to many within the organization, as well as a Grand Praetor of the national Sigma Chi Fraternity,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate remembers and recognizes Mr. George O. Jernigan Jr. for his contributions and commitments to the State of Arkansas, his country, and his community.