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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO CONGRATULATE THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS,
9 SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS ON BEING RANKED NUMBER TEN
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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
23 OF ARKANSAS:
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25 WHEREAS, the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences was
26 established in 1991 by Act 259 and became known as the Arkansas School for
27 Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in 2003 by Act 1305; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts
30 opened its doors to the first students in 1993; and
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32 WHEREAS, The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts
33 is one of only sixteen (16) residential public high schools specializing in
34 advanced mathematics and science instruction in the country; and
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36 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences,

1 and the Arts is to educate the gifted and talented math, science, and fine
2 and performing arts students in the state and to develop curricula and
3 materials to improve instruction in mathematics, sciences, and the fine and
4 performing arts for all students in the state; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts
7 currently has students attending from fifty-nine (59) of the seventy-five
8 (75) Arkansas counties, with seventy-three (73) counties represented over the
9 past five (5) years; and

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11 WHEREAS, The Daily Beast, a leading online news site, recognized the
12 Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts as one of the top
13 high schools in the nation in August of 2014; and

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15 WHEREAS, Several factors are used to rank and compare schools,
16 including graduation rates, college acceptance rates, college-level course
17 offerings and exams, percentage of students eligible for free or reduced
18 lunch, and scores on college placement exams; and

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20 WHEREAS, The Daily Beast also ranked the Arkansas School for
21 Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts number five (5) on the list of twenty-
22 five (25) best high schools in the South and number one (1) in the state of
23 Arkansas; and

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25 WHEREAS, this national recognition is a positive reflection of the hard
26 work of educators and administrators across Arkansas, including the
27 preparation and experiences the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences,
28 and the Arts students received in their home districts,

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30 NOW THEREFORE,
31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
32 OF ARKANSAS:

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34 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly congratulates the
35 Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts for its ranking of
36 number ten (10) in the country in The Daily Beast's 2014 survey of "America's

1 Top High Schools”.

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Corey Alderdice, the Director of the Arkansas School for
5 Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.

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