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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE ELIZABETH CALLAN FLANAGAN BUMPERS FOR
9 HER WORK TO PROMOTE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION; AND TO
10 ENCOURAGE ARKANSAS FAMILIES TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE
11 IMPORTANCE OF CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION.

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22 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Callan Flanagan Bumpers has dedicated her
23 life to addressing issues affecting children's health; and

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25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bumpers is a former elementary school teacher and the
26 wife of former Arkansas Governor and United States Senator Dale Bumpers; and

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28 WHEREAS, after her husband became governor of Arkansas in 1971, Mrs.
29 Bumpers began to work on important issues of health and education affecting
30 Arkansas families and children; and

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32 WHEREAS, when Mrs. Bumpers became the First Lady of Arkansas, our state
33 had one of the lowest immunization rates in the nation; and

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35 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bumpers spearheaded the Every Child by '74 campaign to
36 have every child in Arkansas immunized which quickly became a national model



1 as Arkansas achieved one of the highest immunization rates in the country;
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4 WHEREAS, in 1974, Mrs. Bumpers moved to Washington D.C. after her
5 husband's election to the United States Senate where she joined First Lady
6 Rosalynn Carter to expand the immunization campaign with help from the White
7 House, the Center for Disease Control, and the United States Department of
8 Health and Human Services, formerly the Department of Health, Education, and
9 Welfare; and

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11 WHEREAS, in 1991, Mrs. Bumpers and Mrs. Carter launched the national
12 Every Child by Two campaign with the assistance of the Carter Center in
13 Atlanta, Georgia, which is an extensive outreach program that makes disease
14 and childhood immunization information available to parents and health
15 professionals; and

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17 WHEREAS, in 1999, President Bill Clinton launched the Vaccine Research
18 Center, in recognition of Dale and Betty Bumpers for their efforts to promote
19 childhood immunizations and research for other vaccines as a comprehensive
20 national health care program; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2001, Mrs. Bumpers testified before the United States
23 Senate Health, Labor and Pensions Committee where she detailed the need for a
24 systematic delivery of vaccines and supported legislation to require health
25 plans to cover childhood immunizations; and

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27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bumpers has continued to be a leading advocate and
28 educator for childhood immunizations; and

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30 WHEREAS, in light of serious health events currently affecting
31 children's health in our country and the increasing number of children who
32 will go without essential vaccinations, the Senate encourages Arkansas
33 families to consult with healthcare professionals to discuss the benefits of
34 childhood immunizations and to give serious consideration to the value of
35 childhood immunizations,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
3 OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly recognizes Elizabeth
6 "Betty" Callan Flanagan Bumpers for her tireless efforts to promote childhood
7 immunization and encourages Arkansas families to seriously consider the
8 importance of childhood immunization.

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this
11 resolution be presented to Mrs. Bumpers by the Secretary of the Senate.

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