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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 RECOGNIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF ARKANSAS AS
9 AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS VITAL TO THE GROWTH OF THE
10 ECONOMY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH IN THE
11 STATE.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 ARKANSAS AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS VITAL
17 TO THE ECONOMY AND CRITICAL
18 INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH IN THE STATE.

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21 WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas were formed to provide
22 electricity to rural Arkansans in the 1930s; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas include seventeen (17)
25 local electric distribution cooperatives, a generation and transmission
26 cooperative, and a statewide services association cooperative; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas are dedicated to
29 providing reliable, affordable power in a responsible manner for one million
30 two hundred thousand (1,200,000) members in seventy-four (74) counties or
31 sixty-two percent (62%) of the land mass across Arkansas; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas are guided by seven (7)
34 cooperative principles and are governed by locally elected boards of
35 directors; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas employ more than two
2 thousand one hundred (2,100) employees in Arkansas and a total of more than
3 four thousand (4,000) employees across the business enterprise; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas are focused solely on
6 being advocates for their members and are dedicated to improving the quality
7 of life for their members,
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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
11 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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13 THAT the Senate consider the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas to be an
14 organization that has been vital to the growth of the economy and critical
15 infrastructure in the State of Arkansas.
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