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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO HONOR THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF BOB ABBOTT
9 ON BEHALF OF ALL PERSONS AFFLICTED BY A KIDNEY
10 DISEASE OR DISORDER.

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13 **Subtitle**

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20 WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Abbott, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was a founding member
21 of the National Kidney Foundation of Arkansas, recognizing early in life the
22 difficult if not impossible task of a family or an individual facing a
23 debilitating disease without the financial means to take the steps necessary
24 for health and survival; and

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott not only recognized the unfairness of attempting to
27 combat a debilitating disease without sufficient financial resources, but
28 also took numerous steps and continues to take steps today to help those in
29 need after forty (40) years of working for kidney patients; and

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31 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott proposed legislation that established the Arkansas
32 Kidney Disease Commission signed into law by Governor Dale Bumpers in March,
33 1971; and

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35 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott was appointed as one of the first commission
36 members of the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission and has been reappointed by



1 every Governor since 1971. As a board member, he served in a variety of
2 roles and never lost sight of the reason why he served – to make the lives of
3 kidney patients and their families better; and

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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott worked through United States Congressman Wilbur
6 Mills, who served the State of Arkansas from 1937-1977, and Dr. Ira Greifer
7 to pass significant federal legislation to combat kidney disease; and

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9 WHEREAS, there were many times over the years in working with the
10 National Kidney Foundation of Arkansas that Mr. Abbott, through his own
11 generous support, "kept the doors open" and made sure money was available for
12 valuable financial grants for the cost of drugs, food, electricity for
13 dialysis, or other purposes; and

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15 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott served on the board of the Kidney House in
16 Arkansas; in 1995 received the Volunteer Service Award by the National Kidney
17 Foundation; in 2002 was the recipient of the National Kidney Foundation of
18 Arkansas Lifetime Achievement award; in 2003 was the inaugural recipient of
19 the Abilities Award from Arkansas Rehabilitation Services; in 2004 was
20 selected as a KARK Community Service Award honoree; and was most recently
21 recognized as the 2010 National Volunteer of the Year by the American
22 Association of Kidney Patients during its 37th Annual Convention,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the Senate honors the hard work and dedication of Mr. Bob Abbott
29 on behalf of all persons who suffer from a kidney disease or disorder, and
30 recognizes Mr. Abbott for his tireless efforts to help kidney patients.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be
33 mailed by the Secretary of the Senate to Mr. Bob Abbott.