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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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27 WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 1, of the Arkansas Constitution charges
28 the State of Arkansas with maintaining a "general, suitable and efficient
29 system of free public schools"; and

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31 WHEREAS, the General Assembly cannot fulfill this mandate on its own as
32 achieving this task requires the input and involvement of multiple
33 stakeholders that play crucial roles in public education; and

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35 WHEREAS, it is vitally important that each member of the General
36 Assembly be aware of the issues and challenges facing the public schools



1 within his or her district, as well as those schools' accomplishments and
2 areas of excellence; and

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4 WHEREAS, there is no better way to share this information than for
5 legislators to spend time in these schools interacting with administrators,
6 teachers, and students; and

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8 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should designate a period of time
9 annually to encourage public school districts to make their campuses
10 available to members of the General Assembly and develop special events that
11 increase awareness of these schools' achievements and challenges and foster
12 positive working relationships between school officials and legislators; and

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14 WHEREAS, such events could include offering legislators guided tours of
15 district campuses, allowing legislators to visit classrooms and speak to
16 students, and sponsoring panel discussions in which administrators, teachers,
17 and students participate on issues facing these schools,

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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
21 THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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23 THAT the General Assembly identifies the month of September of each
24 year as "Take Your Legislator to School Month", in which public school
25 districts are encouraged to invite members of the General Assembly to
26 activities on their campuses.

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the district or individual legislators
29 are unable to participate in the month of September, they are encouraged to
30 work together to find an appropriate time for the legislators to visit the
31 district campuses.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives and Senate of
34 the 90th General Assembly request the assistance of the Department of
35 Education and the Arkansas Education Association in making public school
36 districts aware of "Take Your Legislator to School Month" each year and

1 encouraging their participation.

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