

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. LAWRENCE BLACKWELL OF PINE BLUFF,
AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE IMPROVEMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO THE
BETTERMENT OF HIS FELLOWMAN.

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, died February 23, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell was a member of the Arkansas Senate from 1947 to 1955 and is probably best known for his co-authorship of Amendment #42 to the Arkansas Constitution, commonly known as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, which created the Arkansas Highway Commission as a constitutional agency; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Mr. Blackwell was appointed by Governor Orval E. Faubus to fill a vacancy on the Arkansas Highway Commission and was appointed to a full term on the Highway Commission by Governor Winthrop Rockefeller in 1967; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service in the Senate and as a member of the Arkansas Highway Commission, Mr. Blackwell served as mayor and as a member of the city council of the city of Pine Bluff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell was a graduate of Vanderbilt University, received his law degree from Harvard University, and was a Mason and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Lawrence Blackwell marks the passing of a great Arkansan whose many contributions to the betterment of his state, his local community and to his fellowman will be long remembered,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

This Resolution is adopted in respectful memory of Mr. Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and in recognition of his many invaluable contributions to the improvement of state and local government and to the betterment of his fellowman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, a copy hereof shall be transmitted to Mrs. Mai Banks Blackwell, the widow of Mr. Lawrence Blackwell.