

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
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HR 1007

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5 By: Representative Vaught

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS VETERANS HEALTHCARE  
9 SYSTEM WOOD LATHE PEN TURNING PROGRAM.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO RECOGNIZE THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS  
14 VETERANS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WOOD LATHE PEN  
15 TURNING PROGRAM.

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18 WHEREAS, the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Wood Lathe Pen  
19 Turning Program ("CAVHS wood turning program") officially began in April  
20 2015, but the idea for the program actually began in November 2014; and

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22 WHEREAS, the CAVHS wood turning program was developed to benefit the  
23 veterans in the CAVHS Community Living Center; has specific objectives  
24 including community integration, sensory stimulation, increased balance,  
25 accomplishment, and skill development; and has interventions related to  
26 memory, attention, sequencing, and gross and fine motor skills; and

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28 WHEREAS, benefits that veterans receive from this program include  
29 increased self-esteem and self-confidence, improved gross and fine motor  
30 control in the arms and hands, increased attention span, better ability to  
31 follow simple and complex instructions, and a sense of purpose through  
32 creating a useful item; and

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34 WHEREAS, the program has grown under the leadership of Alyssa Welch,  
35 and now has 9 lathes, adaptive lathe stands, an abundance of equipment,  
36 modified tools, and the needed supplies that have aided veterans in



1 completing over 1000 pens from April 2015 to now; and the equipment are  
2 thanks to a community partnership with businesses, the Ozark Woodturners  
3 club, the Central Arkansas Pen Turners, and over 20 dedicated volunteers; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the CAVHS wood turning program is 100% donor supported; has  
6 had 750 veterans participate in the program; has turned out 3000 items,  
7 including pens, key rings, key fobs, bottle stoppers, Christmas ornaments,  
8 and spinning tops; averages about 15 completed items per week; and trained 25  
9 veterans to become woodturning hobbyists,

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11 NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the Central Arkansas  
16 Veterans Healthcare System Wood Lathe Pen Turning Program and applaud its  
17 efforts.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be  
20 transmitted to the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Voluntary  
21 Service, 2200 Fort Roots Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114, by the  
22 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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