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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 AN ACT TO COMMEMORATE WALMART CAPITOL DAY ON TUESDAY,  
9 MARCH 15, 2011.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 COMMEMORATING WALMART CAPITOL DAY ON  
14 TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011.

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 WHEREAS, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., (Walmart) was founded by Sam Walton in  
21 Arkansas in 1962; and

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23 WHEREAS, Walmart has continued to call Arkansas home for nearly fifty  
24 (50) years with its world headquarters located in Benton County, where it was  
25 founded; and

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27 WHEREAS, today, Walmart operates ninety-six (96) retail locations and  
28 twenty (20) distribution centers throughout Arkansas; and

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30 WHEREAS, since its Arkansas founding, Walmart has become the world's  
31 largest retailer with more than four hundred nineteen billion dollars  
32 (\$419,000,000,000) in sales in the fiscal year ending January 31, 2011, at  
33 four thousand four hundred (4,400) facilities in the United States, at four  
34 thousand three hundred (4,300) international facilities, and on the Internet;  
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1           WHEREAS, Walmart employs more than forty-eight thousand (48,000)  
2 associates in local communities across our state with access to health  
3 insurance, retirement savings options, bonuses, and merchandise discounts;  
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6           WHEREAS, according to Dunn & Bradstreet, Walmart purchased ten billion  
7 dollars (\$10,000,000,000) billion in merchandise and services from Arkansas  
8 suppliers, supporting more than fifty-three thousand (53,000) supplier jobs  
9 across the state in 2010; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Walmart collected three hundred seventy-five million seven  
12 hundred thousand dollars (\$375,700,000) in sales taxes on behalf of the state  
13 and paid one hundred forty-three million two hundred thousand dollars  
14 (\$143,200,000) in state and local taxes in the fiscal year ending January 31,  
15 2010; and  
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17           WHEREAS, in fiscal year ending January 31, 2010, Walmart stores, Sam's  
18 Club locations, and the Walmart Foundation contributed more than thirty-three  
19 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$33,500,000) in cash and in-kind  
20 donations to local organizations in communities across the state, combined  
21 with donations from customers and associates to total thirty-six million one  
22 hundred thousand dollars (\$36,100,000); and  
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24           WHEREAS, Arkansas and Walmart work together to make each other  
25 stronger,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30           THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Eighth General Assembly of the State of  
31 Arkansas marks this strong partnership between Arkansas and Walmart by  
32 commemorating Walmart Capitol Day on the 15th day of March, 2011.  
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