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2 89th General Assembly  
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5 By: Senator J. Hutchinson  
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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES, INC. FOR ITS  
9 HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH  
10 OF CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND ADULTS, COMBAT  
11 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PROMOTE SOBRIETY, AND OFFER  
12 INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS UNDER ITS BUSINESS NAMES  
13 DAYSPRING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DECISION POINT  
14 TREATMENT SERVICES; AND APPLAUDING ITS SIGNIFICANT  
15 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST  
16 RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN ARKANSAS, THE ALEX RECOVERY  
17 HIGH SCHOOL IN BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS.  
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20 **Subtitle**

21 COMMENDING ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES,  
22 INC. FOR ITS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO  
23 IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND OFFER  
24 INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COMBAT SUBSTANCE  
25 ABUSE AND PROMOTE SOBRIETY.  
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28 WHEREAS, inspired by the untimely death of their 23-year-old son, Alex  
29 Levin Goss, Tom and Bontiea Goss established Alternative Opportunities, Inc.,  
30 a nonprofit, charitable, 501(c)(3) organization working in Arkansas,  
31 Missouri, and Oklahoma to provide services and support to individuals with  
32 disabilities, families and children in crisis, young people moving toward  
33 independence, inpatient/outpatient substance abuse treatment services, and  
34 behavioral health services; and  
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36 WHEREAS, Alternative Opportunities, Inc. operates in Arkansas as



1 AO/Dayspring Behavioral Health of Arkansas and AO/Decision Point Treatment  
2 Services; and

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4 WHEREAS, due to the negative impact of substance and alcohol abuse by  
5 teens, twenty-nine (29) recovery high schools have been established  
6 throughout the United States; and

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8 WHEREAS, recovery high schools focus on offering a safe and sober  
9 alternative for students struggling to avoid falling back into harmful  
10 routines and environments; and

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12 WHEREAS, recovery high schools tend to be small, offering  
13 individualized curricula for students who may have missed school due to  
14 alcohol or substance abuse; and

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16 WHEREAS, the staff of recovery schools includes therapists, abuse  
17 counselors, and mental health professionals who help students with co-  
18 existing disorders such as anxiety, depression, or attention deficit  
19 hyperactivity disorder, as well as primary treatment for substance and  
20 alcohol abuse; and

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22 WHEREAS, through the efforts of AO/Decision Point Treatment Services,  
23 Arkansas will open its first recovery high school in 2013, the Alex Recovery  
24 High School in Bentonville, Arkansas,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,  
27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the Senate commends Alternative Opportunities, Inc. for its hard  
31 work and dedication to improve the mental health of children, adolescents,  
32 and adults, combat substance abuse, promote sobriety, and offer innovative  
33 solutions under its business names AO/DaySpring Behavioral Health of Arkansas  
34 and AO/Decision Point Treatment Services; and congratulates AO/Decision Point  
35 Treatment Services for bringing the Alex Recovery High School to Bentonville,  
36 Arkansas.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate will transmit a copy to Bontiea Goss, Chief Administrative Officer of Alternative Opportunities, Inc.