RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE STUDENT VETERANS AND RAISE AWARENESS FOR THEIR CONCERNS

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WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has four hundred sixty-one (461) known, self-reported graduate and undergraduate veterans enrolled in degree-seeking programs on its campus, approximately 1.74% of its student population, with an estimated eight hundred to one thousand (800-1,000) such veterans currently attending the university,

AND WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has set forth as components of its Top 50 goals the following objectives: reducing obstacles to student success; enhancement of diversity with attraction of underrepresented groups, veterans being recognized as one of those groups; and improvement of graduation rates and degree-completion times,

AND WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas’s twelfth goal for reaching Top 50 Public Research University status is to establish and market a quality-brand reputation,

AND WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas, as part of that reputation, has achieved national recognition as one of the country’s most veteran-friendly institutions of higher learning,

AND WHEREAS, graduate and undergraduate student veterans may face special issues and concerns as they return to school and/or reintegrate into civilian society as productive citizens following military service, to include financial assistance; administrative difficulties in obtaining and continuing that assistance; special circumstances that may necessitate accommodations, whether physical, mental, and/or emotional; and awareness of and/or access to organizations and resources that may assist them in these areas,

AND WHEREAS, these concerns may not be visible to continued public awareness or awareness within the University administration due to the small self-reported percentage and therefore merit increased recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE,

That ASG, in honor of our student veterans’ service to their country, this Veteran’s Day recognizes the need to raise awareness of the concerns and issues of the University’s student veteran population, and
expresses its support to this segment of the student population regarding these issues as they enroll in and continue their education at the university,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Associated Student Government of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, request University support for pro-veteran legislation and ordinances at relevant local, state, and national governmental levels.
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Vote Count: Aye ________  Nay ________  Abstentions ________

Legislation Status: Passed _____  Failed _______  Other _______________

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Jace Motley, Chair of Senate  Date

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Scout Johnson, ASG GSC Speaker  Date

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Tanner Bone, ASG President  Date