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5 By: Representatives Wardlaw, Beaty Jr.
6 By: Senator Gilmore
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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO CONGRATULATE GAME WARDEN AUSTIN POWELL ON
10 RECEIVING THE MONTY CARMIKLE OFFICER OF THE YEAR
11 AWARD AND THE 2024 ROBERT M. BRANTLY LAW ENFORCEMENT
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15 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, in July 2024, Game Warden Austin Powell was presented with the
23 Monty Carmikle Officer of the Year Award at the Arkansas State Game and Fish
24 Commission Enforcement Division's Awards Banquet in Little Rock; and
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26 WHEREAS, at just twenty-six (26) years old, Powell became one of the
27 youngest game wardens to ever receive this honor; and
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29 WHEREAS, after playing college baseball at Arkansas State University,
30 Itawamba Community College, Ole Miss, and the University of Arkansas at
31 Monticello, Powell entered into the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission's
32 Enforcement Cadet School in 2021; and
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34 WHEREAS, while Powell has been working as a game warden for only four
35 (4) years, he has already made a huge impact on the community through both
36 the cases he has worked and the additional time he has spent spreading his



1 love of the outdoors at events such as the National Wild Turkey Federation's
2 JAKES Day in Rison; and
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4 WHEREAS, Powell was also named the National Wild Turkey Federation's
5 Arkansas Officer of the Year; and
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7 WHEREAS, in addition to these impressive awards, Powell received a
8 Lifesaving Award along with fellow Game Warden Aaron Dillard for their
9 bravery and heroic efforts to save a girl being swept downstream by the
10 Mississippi River current and barge wakes by working quickly to get her into
11 their boat and back to shore safely; and
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13 WHEREAS, Powell was also featured in a "Scales of Justice" article in
14 the June 2024 issue of Arkansas Wildlife for his work in using shot shell
15 forensics and DNA analysis to prove that two (2) Mississippi turkey hunters
16 were using Arkansas hunting licenses to illegally hunt turkeys; and
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18 WHEREAS, Colonel Brad Young, the Arkansas State Game and Fish
19 Commission Chief of Enforcement said this about Powell: "We're very, very
20 proud of him. He had some very hard to make cases. It took a lot of hours
21 to apprehend some of those violators"; and
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23 WHEREAS, Powell's hard work in focusing on major violators resulted in
24 twelve (12) charges of night hunting, thirteen (13) charges of road hunting,
25 seventeen (17) charges for hunting during a closed season, four (4) charges
26 for boating while under the influence, five (5) cases of hunting turkey over
27 bait, eight (8) cases for hunting without permission, four (4) cases for
28 hunting waterfowl over bait, and three (3) cases for falsifying information;
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31 WHEREAS, in December 2024 in Augusta, Georgia, Powell was once again
32 recognized for his hard work and dedication when he was named the
33 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 2024 Robert M. Brantly
34 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; and
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36 WHEREAS, Powell is only the fourth Arkansas State Game and Fish

1 Commission game warden to win this prestigious honor, which is awarded to one
2 (1) law enforcement officer out of the fifteen (15) states in the association
3 who excels in teamwork and public outreach, excellence and innovation,
4 attitude and leadership, and achievements and accomplishments in job-related
5 duties,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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11 THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring recognize
12 Game Warden Austin Powell for his outstanding work and to congratulate him on
13 being named the Monty Carmikle Officer of the Year and the 2024 Robert M.
14 Brantly Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
17 provided to Game Warden Powell by the Chief Clerk of the House of
18 Representatives.