

1 INTERIM RESOLUTION 83-4

2 CONGRATULATING MRS. BESSIE MOORE ON THE CELEBRATION OF
3 HER EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, AND COMMENDING HER FOR HER MANY
4 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HER MANY OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
5 EDUCATION AND LIBRARY SCIENCE IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND
6 THE UNITED STATES.

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8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bessie Boehm Moore of Little Rock recently celebrated
9 her eightieth birthday; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore is a nationally recognized advocate for libraries
11 and has received many awards and honors for her services, including a
12 certificate of special recognition from the White House Conference on
13 Libraries and Information Science, the establishment of the Bessie Moore
14 Fund by the American Library Trustee Association, and appointment by
15 President Nixon to the National Commission on Libraries and Information
16 Science; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore has been a principal speaker at library meetings
18 in many states and in Canada, and has served as guest lecturer in Schools
19 of Library Science at universities and colleges throughout the country; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore organized the first county library in Arkansas and
21 served as a member of the Arkansas Library Commission from 1941-1979, and
22 as Chairman of that Commission from 1949 until 1979; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore has been a leader in education in Arkansas for
24 more than fifty years, having held many positions in the State Department
25 of Education, including State Coordinator of Environmental Education,
26 State Supervisor of Economic Education, and State Supervisor of Elementary
27 Education; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bessie Moore has not only been active in the areas of
29 education and library science, she has also been active in civic and
30 political affairs and in business, including service as a member of the
31 national committee for sesquicentennial celebration of the birthday of
32 the United States, Chairman of the Ozark Folk Culture Center Commission,
33 Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, member of the Advisory
34 Committee, Arkansas Office, Small Business Administration, a member of the
35 Board of Directors of the First National Bank in Little Rock and a member
36 of the Board of Maumelle Land Development; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore has had many personal honors bestowed upon her,
2 including designation as one of the Distinguished Americans of the
3 Bicentennial; selection by the Department of State to be a guest of the
4 Republic of West Germany to inspect and evaluate effects of the Marshall
5 Plan Aid; selection by the Defense Department as a member of DACOWITS to
6 visit military installations to observe conditions under which women in
7 the armed forces were serving abroad; election to the Membership Association
8 of Independent Scholars; selection as recipient of the "Distinguished
9 Service to Economic Education" award; selection as Arkansas Woman of the
10 Year 1952; and Arkansas Citizen of the year 1979; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bessie Moore is a person of whom all Arkansans can be
12 proud and one who is truly deserving of public congratulations and commenda-
13 tions,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 The Legislative Council and the individual members of the Council
19 hereby congratulate Mrs. Bessie Boehm Moore upon the celebration of her
20 eightieth birthday and express best wishes to her for many more years of
21 happy and productive life.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council hereby commends
23 Mrs. Bessie Moore for her many contributions to education and to library
24 science in Arkansas and the nation.

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26 Respectfully submitted,

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28 Senator Ben Allen

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Dr. Bessie Boehm Moore

1902-1995

President Johnson appointed Dr. Bessie Boehm Moore, of Little Arkansas, to the National Advisory Commission on Libraries in Presidents' Nixon, Carter and Reagan appointed her to serve four NCLIS member from 1972 through 1988, when she was made Chairman Emeritus. She also served on the 1979 and 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services Advisory Commission.

Dr. Moore was widely recognized for her distinguished career of dedicated service, advocacy and contributions to libraries, education and services for senior citizens. With degrees in education, Dr. Moore received many awards and honors during her career as a teacher, library member, school and school library supervisor, and director of the State Council on Economic Education.

In 1989 NCLIS honored Dr. Moore with a Distinguished Lifetime Award. The American Library Association's Bessie Boehm Moore Award is made annually for an outstanding and creative program for public service to the aging.

On August 1, 1992, the Mountain View Public Library in Mountain View, Arkansas, was renamed the Bessie B. Moore Public Library in honor of Dr. Moore.

Dr. Moore died October 24, 1995. In a letter dated October 27, 1995, letters and friends of Dr. Moore, President Clinton wrote, "She was truly one of Arkansas' greatest treasures, and we shall miss her."

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