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SENATE RESOLUTION

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BEARS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING 2012 SEASON
AND FOR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the University of Central Arkansas Bears finished their 2012 season as co-champions of the Southland Conference; and

WHEREAS, the University of Central Arkansas Bears reached the 2nd round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Series in 2012 for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the University of Central Arkansas Bears finished 10th in the final Football Championship Series' national poll by The Sports Network, the highest since moving to Division I in 2006; and

WHEREAS, forty-six (46) players for the University of Central Arkansas Bears were named to the Southland Conference Academic Honor Roll for the Fall of 2012, and the Bears maintained the highest Academic Progress Rate in the Southland Conference for the second consecutive year, the highest in the State of Arkansas; and



WHEREAS, Head Coach Clint Conque was named the 2012 Southland Conference Coach of the Year and finished 8th in the voting for the 2012 Eddie Robinson Award, given to the top coach at the NCAA Football Championship Series level; and

WHEREAS, Junior Quarterback Wynrick Smothers finished 11th in the voting for the 2012 Walter Payton Award for the outstanding player at the Football Championship Series level, was named the Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Year, and was a first-team All-Southland Conference selection after leading the Bears to a 9-3 record and a Southland Conference co-championship in the 2012 season; and

WHEREAS, Corey Howard was named the 2012 Southland Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year and Jonathan Woodard the 2012 Southland Conference Freshman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Central Arkansas Bears football team is comprised of a group of talented, hard-working, and high-achieving individuals who proudly represented the university on the field and in the classroom,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE FOR THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate congratulates the University of Central Arkansas Bears for an excellent season and for their continued outstanding academic accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be presented to the University of Central Arkansas Bears football team and the President and the Athletic Director of the University of Central Arkansas.