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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the 2019 Melbourne High School Lady Bearkatz basketball team claimed the Class 2A state championship trophy after the Lady Bearkatz defeated the Riverside Lady Rebels with a score of 48-23 at the Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz earned their first 5-on-5 state title and their second state title overall; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz last won the state title in 1973, led by Coach Wayburn Watson; and Coach Watson's great-granddaughter, senior Hallie Cooper, played on this year's winning team and scored 6 points in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz were led by sophomore Reagan Rapert, who finished the game with 12 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals, which earned her Most Valuable Player honors; and

WHEREAS, Josie Roark and Kiley Webb were named All Tournament players; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz held the Lady Rebels to their lowest point



total of the season; and

WHEREAS, the team was well-led by head coach Eric Teague; and

WHEREAS, each player on the Lady Bearkatz team committed herself to excellence and was supported by her school, family, and community,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate congratulates the members of the Melbourne High School Lady Bearkatz basketball team on winning the 2019 Class 2A State Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be presented to head coach Eric Teague by the Secretary of the Senate.