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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, for the first time since 1995, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville men's Arkansas Razorbacks basketball team qualified for the Elite Eight in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, held this year in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, following victories against the Colgate Raiders in the first round with a score of 85-68 and the Texas Tech Red Raiders in the second round with a score of 68-66, the Arkansas Razorbacks faced the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles in the Sweet Sixteen, besting them by two (2) points for a final score of 72-70, and qualifying the team for the Elite Eight and a matchup with the Baylor Bears, the No. 1 seed in the tournament, eventual national champion, and a team that the Arkansas Razorbacks nearly pushed out of the competition; and

WHEREAS, Coach Eric Musselman and staff have done an outstanding job bringing together an Arkansas Razorbacks men's basketball team primarily composed of newcomers and persevering through perhaps the most challenging year in college basketball history; and



WHEREAS, the men's team has excited the fan base and instilled a sense of pride throughout Arkansas by their tremendous effort and success in securing a spot in the Elite Eight twenty-six (26) years after the team's last appearance; and

WHEREAS, for the first time since 2015, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville women's Arkansas Razorbacks basketball team qualified for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament, earning a No. 4 seed in the Big Dance and the highest seed for the team since 1991; and

WHEREAS, during the regular season, the team became the first women's team in program history to post back-to-back winning seasons in the Southeastern Conference, as well as the first to post two (2) top-five wins in the same season, beating both No. 4 Baylor University with a score of 83-78 and No. 3 University of Connecticut by a score of 90-87; and

WHEREAS, with the in-season win against the University of Connecticut, the Arkansas Razorback women are just one (1) of nine (9) teams since 2012 to beat what many consider to be the gold standard in women's college basketball, and the win against Baylor University was the first Arkansas Razorbacks' victory against a defending national champion for the women since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike Neighbors, in his fourth season with the Arkansas Razorbacks women's basketball team, has led the amazing and talented group of players to these accomplishments to ignite the fan base and set the record for the two (2) most well-attended games in all of women's college basketball this season,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate congratulate Coach Eric Musselman, Coach Mike Neighbors, and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville men's and women's

basketball teams for their incredible seasons and success in the NCAA tournaments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Eric Musselman and Coach Mike Neighbors by the Secretary of the Senate.