

By: Representative Walker

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the 2022 Izard County High School Cougars football team won the Arkansas Activities Association sanctioned 8-Man Football State Championship after defeating the Rector High School Cougars, thirty-six (36) to twenty-six (26), at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Thursday, December 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, with this win, the Izard County High School Cougars earned a state championship sanctioned by the Arkansas Activities Association in their first year of varsity football; and

WHEREAS, the Izard County High School Cougars completed the season with a 9-2 overall record and an unbeaten 5-0 conference record; and

WHEREAS, the Izard County High School Cougars included Malachi Cruz, Wyatt Buchanan, Tyler Hill, Dakota Townsley, Noah Stevenson, Garrett Roberts, Gaven Stephens, Xander McCandlis, Jesse Warden, Jameson Chapman, Tyler Morehead, Adam Morgan, Tristin Wood, Porter Burton, Noah Mosley, Justin Brewer, Ashton Grisham, Archer Booth, Micah Olson, Chase Chapman, Brody



Hightower, Rico Cruz, Evan Ogle, Emanuele Scorza, Vincent Modi, Vincent Wase, Vincent Fobker, and Lucas Berchert; and

WHEREAS, the IZARD County High School Cougars were led by Head Coach Jared Johnson, and assistant coaches Carlton Hill, Brody Ninemire, David Jones, and Kyle McCandlis; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jared Johnson received the Hooten's Arkansas Farm Bureau 8-Man Coach of the Year Award for the most outstanding 8-Man Football coach in the state; and

WHEREAS, Malachi Cruz, Wyatt Buchanan, and Tyler Hill were named all-state and Dakota Townsley was named honorable mention all-state; and

WHEREAS, Xander McCandlis and Jesse Warden were named honorable mention all-conference;

WHEREAS, Malachi Cruz, Wyatt Buchanan, Tyler Hill, Dakota Townsley, Noah Stevenson, Garrett Roberts, and Gaven Stephens, were named all-conference; and

WHEREAS, Jameson Chapman was selected as the Brandon Burlsworth's Player of the Game in the State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, Malachi Cruz was named the most valuable player in the sanctioned 8-Man Football State Championship Game,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly recognize the IZARD County High School Cougars football team as the 2022 Sanctioned 8-Man Football State Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be

provided to Head Coach Jared Johnson and the IZARD County High School Cougars football team by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.