

By: Representative McClure

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Malvern Leopards bested the Harding Academy Wildcats to take the Class 4A state football championship with a score of 64-39 at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Saturday, December 10, 2022, claiming the team's first state title in twenty-nine (29) years and the second in school history; and

WHEREAS, following two (2) inclement weather delays totaling three and one-half hours (3 1/2), the two (2) teams were able to get back on the field and combined for one thousand one hundred thirty-seven (1,137) yards of offense, which is the second highest offense in Arkansas state championship game history; and

WHEREAS, unforeseen scheduling changes prior to the beginning of the regular season left Malvern with only three (3) home games; and

WHEREAS, between the regular season games and playoff games, the team traveled approximately one thousand seven hundred (1,700) miles of road trips, including trips to Riverview; Glen Rose; Hernando, Mississippi; Waldron; Mena; Nashville; Lamar; Warren; and War Memorial Stadium,



NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives congratulate and recognize the Malvern Leopards football team as the Class 4A state champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be provided to Coach J.D. Plumlee by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.