

By: Representative Bentley

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 CLASS 2A STATE
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, On March 11, 2023, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team won the Class 2A State Basketball Championship held in Hot Springs, Arkansas by a score of 60 – 45; and

WHEREAS, this basketball championship by the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team was only the second state championship appearance for Bigelow High School in its one hundred seven (107) year history; and

WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team went undefeated in conference play with a perfect sixteen (16) and zero (0) record, ended the season on a twenty (20) game winning streak, and had a final record of thirty-one (31) and two (2); and

WHEREAS, Bennett Wilson was named the Class 2A State Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team is



coached by Head Coach Craig Neumeier who is in his twenty-third year coaching and the assistant coach is Chad Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team is composed of the following players: Joshua Trantina, Bennett Wilson, Martell Macon, Jayden Dunlap, Carter Alexander, Rhett Neumeier, Brandt Tipton, Ryan Hobbs, Beau Billeck, Javon Orr, Jacob Serna, Wade Nutt, Landon Edwards, and Johnnathan Nunez; and

WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team were supported all year long by managers, Evan Ragan and Tate Watson and statistician, Sonja Holbrook; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Bigelow and Perryville were unwavering in their support of this Perry County basketball team, and that was greatly appreciated by the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, Chad Wilson, the Bigelow High School Athletic Director, stated “It takes guys to know and understand and appreciate their roles on the team and how each man can help the team win in different ways. It takes a lot of sacrifice but this team had visions way back in November that this journey was a possibility and these young men made it happen”,

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 commend the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team for winning the 2023 Class 2A State Basketball Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be transmitted to Head Coach Craig Neumeier and Athletic Director Chad Wilson by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.