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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, on October 29, 2022, the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team won the 2022 Class 5A State Volleyball Championship in Hot Springs, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team were the 2022 5A Conference Champions, had a conference record of 14-0, and won the Little Rock Christian Invitational and the Fort Smith Invitational; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Lagemann was named the Most Valuable Player of the Volleyball State Championship and named to the All-State Team and Henley Hooks, Kenzie Garrett, and Khenedi Guest were named to the All-State Team; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team is



coached by Head Coach Michelle Shoppach and the assistant coaches are Heidi Cox, Brooke White, and Suzanne Reggins; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Shoppach stated “This team had a swagger about them, they did not get flustered. They were able to handle adversity and rally together to slay their opponents. The chaos we created in practice made it easy to handle game situations. Their motto was FTP, Feed-the-Panther.”; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team includes Gracie Aldebot, Emmaline Armstrong, Karlee Backus, Elle Bolding, Addie Burns, Aubrey Chrestman, Delaney Cooper, Hannah Edington, Ellie Ferguson, Kam Flynn, Kenzie Garrett, Khenedi Guest, Anna Grace Hardy, Evie Hendrix, Henley Hooks, Drew Hudspeth, Abigail Lagemann, Olivia Little, Lexi Mahan, Presley Palette, Addy-Mae Seagraves, Parker Sollars, and Parker Stearns; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2022, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf Team won the Class 5A Boys State Golf Championship in Benton, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf Team won the state championship with a score of two hundred ninety-eight (298) points and won the conference championship with a score of three hundred one (301); and

WHEREAS, Paxton Lane was a winner of the overall championship and was named to the All-State and All-Conference Teams; and

WHEREAS, Eli Cowden, Elias Payne, and Mason McDaniel, were named to the All-Conference Team and Elias Payne, Maddox Davis, and Mason McDaniel, were named to the All-State Team; and

WHEREAS, the Head Coach for the Benton High School Panthers Boys Golf Team is Mark Balisterri; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf Team includes Eli Cowden, Whit Warford, Dominic Miceli, Mason McDaniel, Maddox Davis, Elias Payne, Gavyn Benson, J. Thomas Pepper, Paxton Lane, Joe Duke, Grant Warford,

and Cameron Barton; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team won the 2022 Class 5A State Cheerleading Championship; and

WHEREAS, with this win, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team repeated as Class 5A State Cheerleading Champions and placed second in the 2022 State Cheerleading Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team placed 6th out of twenty-nine (29) teams in the Medium Division II at the Universal Cheerleading Association National High School Cheerleading Championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team are not only outstanding athletes, but also gave back to their community and the team has a combined total of over two hundred (200) hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team is coached by Head Coach Jaime Bunting and the assistant coach is Colton Watson; and

WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team includes Addie Harding, Anna Grace Hardy, Abby Harrison, Cadence Clement, Kade Robbins, Lily Tindall, Maggie Armstrong, Maggie Bacon, Taylor Doggett, Zoey Hawkins, Lizzie Bacon, Macy White, Addison Golden, Claire Cornwell, Lily Cavaneau, Preslee Hambric, Sailor Holland, Will Tudor, Allie Stoll, Macy Sparks, Amy Anthony, Brooklynn Bailey, Callia Givens, Emily Richardson, Faith Dougherty, Hannah Still, and Madyson Bright; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2023, Haven Owens with the Benton High School Panther Wrestling Team won the one hundred thirty-eight (138) pound weight class individual wrestling championship at the Jack Stephens Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Haven Owens was coached by Sam Cowling, Jake Brabham, and Russell Owens,

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 recognize the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf Team, the Benton High School Panther Cheerleading Team, and Benton High School Wrestler Haven Owens for winning their respective Class 5A State Championships.