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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team dominated their competition during the 2022-2023 season and won the Class 5A Arkansas State Wrestling Championship on February 25, 2023, for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team was undefeated in all twenty-four (24) of their dual meets; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team was undefeated in their 2022-2023 season tournaments, and in addition to the 5A State Championship, they won championships in the Lady Wildcat Invitational, the Lady Lions Invitational, the Conway Girls Invitational, the Little Rock Central Classic, the Battle for the Bling, 5A Girls Duals State, and 5A North Regionals; and



WHEREAS, all members of the Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team were named All-Region and All-State athletes, including Roselyn Amaya, Kaylei Parish, Gracie Webb, Alena Williams, Shania Brown, Zoe Foster, Megan Amplo, Emerson Pulley, Aubrey Hart, Vivi Edwards, Torrie Seymore, Harley Seymore, and Skye Jones; and

WHEREAS, four (4) members of Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team – team captain Roselyn Amaya, Alena Williams, team captain Vivi Edwards and Harley Seymore – won individual state championships in their respective weight classes; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team was ranked thirtieth (30th) nationally, becoming the very first Arkansas wrestling team, boys or girls, to be nationally ranked; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jerry Evans was chosen as the 2022-2023 Outstanding Coach of the Year in girls wrestling; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team was led by their devoted Head Coach Jerry Evans and was supported in their many victories on and off the mat by their coaches and staff, their school and local community, and their friends and families; and

WHEREAS, team captain Vivi Edwards stated of the Lady Lions, "The dynasty of Searcy wrestlers has been a very tough, very tall, very large legacy that I hope for years to come we will fulfill. And I believe they will",

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the many accomplishments of the Searcy High School Lady Lions wrestling team and their status as winners of the 2023 Class 5A State High School Wrestling Championship and congratulate the Lady

Lions on their success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Head Coach Jerry Evans by the Secretary of the Senate.