

By: Representative Rye

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE EAST POINSETT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS FOOTBALL, BOYS' BASKETBALL, AND GIRLS' TENNIS TEAMS FOR THEIR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS; TO RECOGNIZE THE EAST POINSETT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BAND PROGRAM.

### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School Warriors football team made it to the semifinals in the 2A state playoffs in 2022 and had high expectations for the 2023 football season; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2023, the East Poinsett County High School Warriors football team beat the Marked Tree High School Indians 38-32 for the 2A-2 Football Conference Championship title; and

WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School Warriors football team played its first state championship game in school history in 2023 and earned the 2023 2A State Runner Up title; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Gaines was named the 2023 Farm Bureau Insurance Award



Winner for 2A Offensive Player of the Year in 2A football; and

WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School Warriors boys' basketball team defeated the Marshall High School Bobcats 68-61 to claim the 2024 2A Basketball State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Gaines was tabbed the 2024 2A Basketball State Championship Game's Most Valuable Player and finished the game with twenty-two (22) points and nine (9) rebounds; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Gaines and Tyrus Reel each added thirteen (13) points in the 2024 2A State Championship Game and Omar McCuiston scored eleven (11) points; and

WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School Warriors boys' basketball team claimed the basketball program's first state title since 2012; and

WHEREAS, four (4) players from East Poinsett County High School Warriors girls' tennis team participated in the State Tournament at Allen Park in Jonesboro and one (1) player participated in the 2023 2A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, Riley Ashcraft placed second in the 2023 2A Girls Singles tournament; and

WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School band program had multiple accomplishments in 2023, including:

(1) Performing at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock for the 2023 2A Football State Championship; and

(2) A Region V Concert Assessment for the band's concert performance and sight-reading performance at the Jonesboro High School Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School band was named the 2024 2A State Concert Band Honor Ensemble and received 1st Division Superior Ratings from all of the Region V Concert Contest Assessment judges; and

WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School band was selected to be the 2025 2A State Concert Assessment Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, the East Poinsett County High School band was recently assessed at Highland High School for its solo and ensemble performance and received ten (10) superior rated solos, two (2) superior rated ensemble performances, and two (2) excellent rated solos,

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 East Poinsett County High School Warriors football, boys' basketball, and tennis girls' teams for their athletic accomplishments and the band program for its accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to East Poinsett County High School by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.