

By: Senator M. McKee

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the National Park College Nighthawks Men's basketball team claimed the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Basketball Championship title when they defeated South Suburban College, 84-79, on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the Mary Miller Center in Danville, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, after making it to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region II postseason championship a year ago, the National Park College Nighthawks Men's basketball team received one (1) of four (4) at-large bids to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament as the number five (5) seed; and

WHEREAS, the National Park College Nighthawks Men's basketball team defeated Johnson County Community College, North Central Missouri College,



and Davidson-Davie Community College before claiming the National Championship over South Suburban College; and

WHEREAS, the National Park College Nighthawks Men's basketball team concluded the season with a 31-1 record and avenged their defeat in the region championship game to claim the National Championship as an at-large selection; and

WHEREAS, National Park College Nighthawks Men's basketball team was led by Coach Dillon Hargrove; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dillon Hargrove was named the 2023-2024 NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, sophomore center, Taylor Harrell, was named the tournament's Pin Ryan Most Valuable Player, scoring fifty (50) points, thirty-five (35) rebounds, and making two (2) blocks including:

(1) A double-double of eighteen (18) points and fifteen (15) rebounds in the semifinals; and

(2) Twenty-two (22) points and eight (8) rebounds in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the National Park College Nighthawks Men's basketball team had a historic 2023-2024, picking up its first national ranking and becoming number one (1) in the nation,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the National Park College Nighthawks men's basketball team as the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's National Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be provided to Coach Dillon Hargrove by the Secretary of the Senate.