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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the 2023 Gravette High School Lady Lions girls' cross country team won the 4A State Championship in Hot Springs on Thursday, November 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Gravette High School Lady Lions girls' cross country team victory in the 4A State Championship marks a historic achievement by making the team back-to-back 4A State Champions and 4A-1 Conference Champions in 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Gravette High School Lady Lions girls' cross country team was led by the Arkansas Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year, Chris Weller; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Gravette High School Lady Lions girls' cross country team was led by runners Julia Whorton, Keira Ralph, Litzy Garcia, Anna Kedrowski, Celia Chernota, Nadiyah Thornton, and Lilly Sharp; and



WHEREAS, Gravette High School senior Julia Whorton earned a silver medal in the race, finishing the course with a time of 20:07.00; and

WHEREAS, Gravette High School sophomore Keira Ralph finished in fifth place with a time of 20:50.43; and

WHEREAS, Gravette High School junior Litzy Garcia finished in seventh place with a time of 21:14.26; and

WHEREAS, Gravette High School senior Anna Kedrowski finished in twenty-fourth place with a time of 22:23.71; and

WHEREAS, Gravette High School junior Celia Chernota finished in twenty-sixth place with a time of 22:39.18; and

WHEREAS, Gravette High School sophomore Nadiyah Thornton finished in sixty-fifth place with a time of 24:59.80; and

WHEREAS, Gravette High School sophomore Lilly Sharp finished in sixty-sixth place with a time of 25:02.13; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Gravette High School Lady Lions girls' cross country team "is a reminder that, with perseverance, teamwork, and unwavering determination" a team can end up victorious; and

WHEREAS, the Gravette High School Lady Lions girls' cross country team returns in 2024 as the number two (2) ranked team in 4A by only sixteen (16) points,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the Gravette High School Lady Lions Girls' cross country team as the 2022 and 2023 4A State Champions and 4A-1 Conference Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be provided to Coach Chris Weller by the Secretary of the Senate.