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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE VALLEY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BLAZERS BASEBALL TEAM ON ITS CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Valley View High School Blazers baseball team defeated the Maumelle Hornets at the University of Central Arkansas's Bear Stadium with a final score of 5-0 on Sunday, May 19, 2024, becoming the Class 5A State Champions; and

WHEREAS, this win was the Valley View Blazers baseball team's first state championship win since 2021, after back-to-back losses in the 2022 and 2023 Class 4A State Championship games, and its fourth state championship win in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Valley View Blazers baseball team has an overall record of 31-2 for the season and an undefeated record of 14-0 in its conference, with no in-state teams having beaten the Blazers this season; and

WHEREAS, University of Arkansas signee and senior pitcher Lance Davis was named the Most Valuable Player following the team's victory in the state championship game; and



WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2024 season, the Valley View Blazers baseball team was ranked as the twenty-sixth best team in the country by Perfect Game in its preseason High School Top 50, and by the end of the 2024 season, the team was ranked as the eighteenth best team in the country by Perfect Game in its postseason High School Top 50; and

WHEREAS, four (4) players on the Valley View Blazers baseball team have already signed to play for National Collegiate Athletics Association Division I programs during the next season, including Slade Caldwell, Eli Crecelius, Lance Davis, and Lawson Ward; and

WHEREAS, teamwork is an essential life skill for young people to develop in order for them to become exceptional professionals, and successfully working together as a team teaches the importance of trust, accountability, and respect for others despite their differences; and

WHEREAS, the Valley View Blazers baseball team's state championship win would not have been possible if not for Coach Josh Allison and his leadership and compassion for his team, which allowed this group of talented young men to achieve something they will remember for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Coach Josh Allison is quoted as saying, "I told them before the game we already won the season. We've already won. We've already done everything we can do. Now it's just time to go out there and play one last game together; I'm proud of them.",

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 and congratulate the Valley View High School Blazers baseball team as the 2024 Class 5A State Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be provided to Coach Josh Allison by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.