

By: Representative Steimel

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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STATE CHAMPIONS.

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WHEREAS, the Salem Greyhounds bested the Bismarck Lions to take the Class 3A state football title for the first time, in their first state finals appearance, with a score of 42-34 at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Friday, December 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Greyhounds finished the season with twelve (12) wins and three (3) losses, the most wins in a season in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Greyhounds are back-to-back Class 3A-2 conference champions; and

WHEREAS, the Greyhounds' offense averaged thirty-eight and four-tenths (38.4) points per game in the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the Greyhounds' defense gave up an average of only seventeen and eight-tenths (17.8) points per game in the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the Greyhounds rushed for over four thousand nine hundred (4,900) yards and passed for over one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) yards during the season; and



WHEREAS, the Greyhounds were led by All-State players Skyler Payne, Caleb Leisenring, Kaiden Hollis, and Keagan Sanderson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Taylor earned Finals Most Valuable Player honors after going five (5) for five (5) passing for one hundred twenty-nine (129) yards and a touchdown and also rushing for sixty-nine (69) yards and two (2) scores; and

WHEREAS, Greyhounds Head Coach Josh Watson was awarded Ozark Radio News Coach of the Year, 2-3A Coach of the Year, Hooten's Arkansas Football/Farm Bureau 3A Coach of the Year, Arkansas Sports Network Coach of the Year, and Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Greyhounds were also supported by assistant coaches Billy Webber, Luke Barker, Ben Leisenring, and Seth Brazeal; and

WHEREAS, Greyhounds Assistant Coach Billy Webber was nominated for the Broyles Award, which goes to the top high school assistant coach in the State of Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives congratulate and recognize the Salem Greyhounds football team as the Class 3A state champions.

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