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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE STRONG HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS EIGHT-MAN FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS 2024-25 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY.

### Subtitle

TO RECOGNIZE THE STRONG HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS EIGHT-MAN FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS 2024-25 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY.

WHEREAS, the Strong High School Bulldogs eight-man football team won its third state championship game on December 5, 2024, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs clinched the victory with a score of sixty-six (66) over opponent Midland's fourteen (14) points; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were undefeated on the season with a record of eight (8) wins and zero (0) losses; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs never trailed at any point in any game during the season; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Activities Association sportsmanship rule was invoked in every Bulldogs game of the season; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs averaged fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) points per game and averaged giving up only six and eight-tenths (6.8) points per



game on the season; and

WHEREAS, quarterback Kaiden McHenry-Jones was named the Most Valuable Player of the state championship game as well as the Farm Bureau Insurance/Hooten's Football State Eight-Man Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in the state championship game, Ja'Kiem Woods scored a touchdown with a fumble return of thirty-four (34) yards; and

WHEREAS, Jamarion Mitchell added another defensive score for the Bulldogs during the state championship game with a fumble return of thirty-three (33) yards; and

WHEREAS, Jay Taylor finished up the scoring for the Bulldogs in the state championship game with a run of forty (40) yards; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were led by Coach Jason Porter, who was named the Farm Bureau Insurance/Hooten's Football Eight-Man Football Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Bulldogs Coach Jason Porter said of the victory, "We've done this all year. We've taken advantage of turnovers from other teams. We have a lot of speed. When somebody gives you something like that in the state championship game, you've got to take advantage of it",

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 recognize the Strong High School Bulldogs eight-man football team for its 2024-25 state championship victory.

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