

By: Representative Vaught

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE DE QUEEN HIGH SCHOOL LADY LEOPARDS
BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the De Queen High School Lady Leopards basketball team won the Class 4A state championship held at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this was the second state championship title for the Lady Leopards, and their first since 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards defeated the previously undefeated Pulaski Academy Lady Bruins by a score of sixty-two (62) to fifty-four (54) to win the state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards finished the season with a record of thirty-five wins and one loss (35-1), setting a record for the most wins in a single season in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards had fifteen (15) steals and forced twenty (20) turnovers in the championship game, and they converted these into twenty (20) points; and



WHEREAS, Lady Leopards team members are Azulenny Ponce, Landri Liggin, Lynli Liggin, Jessie Lyle, Shalyn Lyle, Ellie Morpew, Brielle Cooper, Karlie Bush, Tegan Gallardo, Kate Lindsey, Kailynn Klitz, Layken Young, Emma Chambers, and Heavenly Picking along with managers Citlally Ruiz, Denise Hernandez, and Nadelyn Ruiz; and

WHEREAS, team member Shalyn Lyle was named the state championship's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards were led by Head Coach Bret Burgess and Assistant Coach Jacie Engler; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bret Burgess said of the victory, "They bought into the plan and worked hard to make it happen [with] defense, effort, and guts",

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 De Queen High School Lady Leopards basketball team as the Class 4A state champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Bret Burgess by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.