

By: Senator Crowell

SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Taylor High School Tigers baseball team won the 2024 Class 1A state championship held on May 16, 2024, at Bear Stadium at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway; and

WHEREAS, this was the third straight Class 1A state championship win for the Tigers and the eighth such win in school history, moving the Tigers into a tie with the Sylvan Hills High School Bears for the fourth most baseball championships in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers won the championship game by besting the West Side Greers Ferry Eagles by a score of ten points to two points (10-2); and

WHEREAS, the Tigers finished the 2023-2024 season with a seventeen-game winning streak and an overall record of twenty-three wins and four losses (23-4); and

WHEREAS, Tigers team members are Abram Andrews, Cannon Fowler, Wade Barton, Carson Franks, Ryder Tate, Jessie Umphries, Ben Fantini, Jasper Jones, Jacob Vandenberg, Cason Anders, Tuff Turnage, Kaleb Downs, Tucker



Smith, Haydn Warrick, Aiden Hosley, Evin West, Max Montgomery, Landon Adams, Titus Herman, Bayli Bramlett, Aiden Watson, and Ryder Millsap as well as team manager Lucas Saunders and bat boy Silas Smith; and

WHEREAS, team member Jessie Umphries was named to the All-State Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, team members Jessie Umphries, Aiden Hosley, and Jacob Vandenberg earned All-Region Honors; and

WHEREAS, team members Jessie Umphries, Aiden Hosley, Kaleb Downs, and Jacob Vandenberg earned All-Conference Honors; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers were led by Head Coach Brian Fowler and Assistant Coaches Scott Smith and Hayden Lindsey; and

WHEREAS, 2023-2024 team member Waylon Woodell was named to the All-State Tournament Team and the All-Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Second Team, earned All-State Honors, All-Conference Honors, and All-Region Honors, and was named a Natural State Sports Second Team Infielder, an Arkansas Activities Association All-Star Game Selection, and a Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Game Selection; and

WHEREAS, 2023-2024 team member Mason Lindsey earned All-State Honors and All-Conference Honors and was named the Class 1A Arkansas PBS Scholar Athlete, an Arkansas Activities Association All-Star Game Selection, and a Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Game Selection; and

WHEREAS, 2023-2024 team member Austin Aycock was named the state championship tournament Most Valuable Player and earned All-Conference Honors; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Brian Fowler said of the season and the win, "Most high school players and coaches go their entire careers without getting close to playing in a state championship game, much less winning one. Winning a state championship is the ultimate team goal in high school athletics, so for

our players to be able to three-peat is truly remarkable. When you add in the fact that our last two teams have been able to play well under the outside pressure of being ranked number one in the state for the entire spring shows how mentally tough that our guys are",

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the Taylor High School Tigers baseball team as the 2024 Class 1A state champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Brian Fowler by the Secretary of the Senate.