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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS OF MURFREESBORO HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR VICTORIES IN COMPETITIVE COMPUTERIZED NUMERIC CONTROL METAL, WOOD, AND LASER DESIGN.

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WHEREAS, Girl Power Goes State! is a regional and state competition focusing on Arkansas female high school students creating designs using Computerized Numeric Control metal, wood, and laser machine technology; and

WHEREAS, this year's regional event for Dawson Education Cooperative was hosted on February 13, 2025, at National Park College Career Academy in Hot Springs; and

WHEREAS, this event is designed to encourage more female students to undertake studies in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields and to increase awareness of opportunities for women in high-demand, high-wage professions such as welding, agriculture power, structural and technical systems, computer science, and engineering; and

WHEREAS, competitors designed and built their own projects in the



agriculture shop while documenting with pictures, itemized bills for materials, the screenshots of their designs and settings, and a small write-up about how they completed the projects; and

WHEREAS, competitors were judged on design, creativity, technical skill, and portfolio presentation; and

WHEREAS, judges chose top projects and interviewed the competitors who completed those projects; and

WHEREAS, the judging process helps focus the competition on competitors who design and draw their own projects; and

WHEREAS, this group of competitors historically excels because they learn the programming quickly and are able to easily and naturally explain their creation processes; and

WHEREAS, the top five (5) projects chosen were all by students from Murfreesboro High School and were chosen based on judges' interviews with the five (5) students and review of the students' projects; and

WHEREAS, winning competitors included first-place winner Chloe Beck, second-place winner Addison Cox, and third-place winner Lillie Mays, Adyson James, and Gracie Goodwin; and

WHEREAS, these winning students were advised and supported by educator Blake Simmons; and

WHEREAS, Murfreesboro High School is beyond proud of its student winners in this competition and looks forward in years to come to expanding the school workshop in order to have capacity for even bigger and better projects; and

WHEREAS, this year, Murfreesboro High School received a grant to purchase a laser in order to be able to compete in this category, and next year the school will add a Computerized Numeric Control plasma table and

possibly a Computerized Numeric Control wood router also; and

WHEREAS, all Murfreesboro High School students benefit from access to this technology and instruction, using it to gain knowledge and, for many, to translate that knowledge into future home businesses, construction trade work, custom fabrication, and many high-demand, high-wage jobs in Southwest Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate congratulate the students of Murfreesboro High School for their victories in competitive Computerized Numeric Control metal, wood, and laser design.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to advisor Blake Simmons by the Secretary of the Senate.