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SENATE RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Gravette High School Lions wrestling team won the 2025 Class 4A state championship held February 28 and March 1, 2025, at the Jack Stephens Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, this was a back-to-back state championship win for the Lions, reflecting their discipline, preparation, and teamwork that have defined the program since it began just four (4) years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Lions won the championship with one hundred seventy-four (174.0) points and twenty (20) pins, and ranked as the high point team in all classes; and

WHEREAS, the Lions finished the season with an overall record of sixteen wins and seven losses (16-7) and a Class 4A conference record of eleven wins and one loss (11-1); and

WHEREAS, Lions team members include seniors Logan Miller, Kelton McDougal, Aiden Holloway, Jacob Gaylord, Eli Keith, Cutter Franks, Jackson Patton, Tasi Benavente, and Litzy Garcia, juniors Porter Bird, Logan Wolf,



and Nadiyah Thornton, sophomore Payton Burnett, Jacob Worley, and Matua Benavente, and freshman Jackson Moretto as well as managers Cameron Moore, Keira Ralph, Emma Ensor, Karlie Tucker, Josie Harris, and Marly Miller; and

WHEREAS, senior Logan Miller earned the rank of Champion at the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, upon the championship win, after battling a knee injury throughout the tournament, Logan Miller joined an elite group of only thirteen (13) Arkansas wrestlers to win four (4) state championships; and

WHEREAS, Logan Miller had thirty-eight wins and six losses (38-6) during the season, and finished his high school career with an overall record of one hundred thirty-five wins and twenty-seven losses (135-27); and

WHEREAS, eleven (11) Lions team members earned All-State Honors at the championship, with standout contributions from Payton Burnett, Kelton McDougal, Eli Keith, Jacob Worley, Jackson Patton, Cutter Franks, Jacob Gaylord, Logan Wolf, Tasi Benavente, and Porter Bird; and

WHEREAS, Kelton McDougal and Jackson Patton earned runner-up finishes; and

WHEREAS, Payton Burnett, Eli Keith, Cutter Franks, Jacob Gaylord, Tasi Benavente, Jackson Moretto, and Porter Bird earned third-place medals; and

WHEREAS, Logan Wolf was a fourth place finisher; and

WHEREAS, the Lions were led by Coaches A.J. Herrlein, Chris Weller, Greg Miller, and B.J. Herrlein as well as trainer Bry McLaughlin; and

WHEREAS, Coach A.J. Herrlein said of the season and the win, "This championship means so much because of what it took to get here. Every wrestler on this team played a role in getting us to the top",

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the Gravette High School Lions wrestling team as the 2025 Class 4A state champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach A.J. Herrlein by the Secretary of the Senate.