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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Van Buren High School Pointers wrestling team won the 2024-2025 Class 5A state championship held on March 1, 2025, in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, the Pointers won the championship with one hundred forty-nine (149) points over runner-up Lakeside High School with one hundred twenty-four and five-tenths (124.5) points; and

WHEREAS, with this win, the Pointers captured their fourth consecutive Class 5A wrestling state championship, and this in addition to the Pointers' past dual wrestling championships equals a total of seven (7) state titles in four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, this win also secured the Pointers' stance as the most successful athletic program in school history, surpassing the 1950s Lady



Pointers basketball teams that won three (3) consecutive state championships;
and

WHEREAS, the Pointers qualified in eleven (11) out of the fourteen (14) weight classes for the state championship, and nine (9) out of those eleven (11) finished in the top four (4) in their classes; and

WHEREAS, team member Dakota Fenwick was the individual state champion in the one-hundred-thirty-two-pound class, marking his third consecutive state championship; and

WHEREAS, team member Dakota Fenwick was also named Outstanding Wrestler for the lower weight class at the tournament and set a new school record for the most wins in a career; and

WHEREAS, team member Alex Lopez was the individual state champion in the one-hundred-fifty-seven-pound class, marking back-to-back state championships for him, and he was also named Outstanding Wrestler for the middle weight class at the tournament; and

WHEREAS, team member Don O'Kelly was the individual state champion in the one-hundred-twenty-six-pound class, marking his third consecutive state championship; and

WHEREAS, additional team members placing were:

- (1) Colton Purdy, state runner-up in the one-hundred-twenty-pound class;
- (2) Bryan Ramos, state runner-up in the one-hundred-sixty-five-pound class;
- (3) Danzel Arce, third place in the one-hundred-six-pound class;
- (4) Jalen Brown, third place in the one-hundred-fifty-pound class;
- (5) Ethan Hurst, third place in the two-hundred-eighty-five-pound class; and
- (6) Braedyn Stewart, fourth place in the one-hundred-forty-four-pound class; and

WHEREAS, the Pointers girls' wrestling team finished as state runners-up with one hundred thirty-four (134.0) points and had three (3) individual state champions:

- (1) Breanna Lozano in the one-hundred-fifteen-pound class;
- (2) Eva Garcia in the one-hundred-twenty-pound class; and
- (3) Evelyn Romero in the one-hundred-seventy-pound class; and

WHEREAS, Pointers girls' wrestling team member Breanna Lozano was named Outstanding Wrestler for the lower weight class at the tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Pointers and Lady Pointers were led by Head Coach John Petree and Assistant Coach Dakota Petree; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach John Petree was named Class 5A wrestling Coach of the Year,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the Van Buren High School Pointers wrestling team as the 2024-2025 Class 5A state champions and the Lady Pointers wrestling team as the 2024-2025 Class 5A state runners-up.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be presented to Head Coach John Petree and Assistant Coach Dakota Petree by the Secretary of the Senate.