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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO HONOR UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE
BASKETBALL SCORING STAR IZZY HIGGINBOTTOM.

Subtitle

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IZZY HIGGINBOTTOM.

WHEREAS, Arkansas native Izzy Higginbottom has been a star player with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville women's basketball team during the 2024-2025 season; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom graduated from Batesville High School Charter and is the daughter of Rachel and Greg Mosier and Nathan Higginbottom; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom played her freshman season for the University of Missouri Tigers, then played two (2) seasons for the Arkansas State University at Jonesboro Red Wolves; and

WHEREAS, during her historic 2023-2024 junior-year season playing for the Red Wolves before her transfer to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Izzy Higginbottom was an All-Sun Belt First Team selection and a top ten (10) scorer in the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom said of her excitement to become a Razorback



during the 2024-2025 season, "As a little girl who grew up in the Natural State, I was always a huge Razorback fan . . . From the time I started playing, I knew my dream was to be a Razorback"; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom leads the Southeastern Conference and ranks third in the National Collegiate Athletic Association in scoring average with twenty-four and four-tenths (24.4) points per game, and she has registered thirty (30) double-digit scoring games, including twelve (12) Southeastern Conference games; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom currently leads the National Collegiate Athletic Association in total points at seven hundred eighty (780); and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom recorded at least twenty-five (25) points in seventeen (17) games including nine (9) in Southeastern Conference play, the most in the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom logged four (4) or more assists in fifteen (15) different games during the 2024-2025 season; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom leads the National Collegiate Athletic Association in freethrows made at two hundred forty-two (242), and leads the Southeastern Conference and ranks ninth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association in freethrow percentage at ninety and six-tenths percent (90.6%); and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom ranks third in the Southeastern Conference and sixth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association with two hundred fifty-one (251) field goals; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom logged a career-high forty (40) points against Florida this season to become just the fourth player in Razorbacks program history to reach this mark; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom set a Razorbacks record for the longest streak of thirty-plus point games in program history with three (3) straight

against the University of Kentucky, Texas A&M University, and the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, against Texas A&M University on January 30, 2025, Izzy Higginbottom finished with thirty-three (33) points, ten (10) rebounds, and seven (7) assists for her first career double-double; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week after scoring thirty-eight (38) points and leading Arkansas to a win over Boston College in the Southeastern Conference/Atlantic Coast Conference Challenge; and

WHEREAS, three (3) of Izzy Higginbottom's games sit in the top ten (10) of the highest scoring games in Razorbacks women's basketball history, and these include thirty-eight (38) points against Boston College, forty (40) points against the University of Florida, and thirty-eight (38) points against the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Izzy Higginbottom was named an All-American honorable mention from the United States Basketball Writers Association and the Associated Press, and is the first Razorback to appear on either list since Chelsea Dungee during the 2020-2021 season,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate honor University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Razorbacks basketball player Izzy Higginbottom for her incredible achievements that bring renown to her team and to the State of Arkansas.

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