

By: Senator Irvin

SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the women's basketball team of the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri, won the National Christian College Athletic Association Division I National Championship held at College of the Ozarks on March 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, four (4) members of the championship team graduated from Arkansas high schools; and

WHEREAS, the Senate hereby recognizes the contributions of these Arkansas women in helping our Missouri neighbors secure a national championship; and

WHEREAS, guard Abbey Linville is a graduate of Rural Special High School at Fox, guard Taylor Rush is a graduate of Batesville High School,



guard Blythe Benefield is a graduate of Paragould High School, and forward Savannah Ketchum is a graduate of Bergman High School,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the College of the Ozarks women's basketball team, featuring four (4) players from Arkansas, as the 2025 National Christian College Athletic Association Division I National Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate acknowledge the success of these Arkansas women and their teammates and recognize the work ethic required to accomplish the feat of winning a national title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate recognize the academic success of these honor roll students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate recognize and honor these women for the way they represented College of the Ozarks, also known as "Hard Work U", and their home state of Arkansas.