

By: Representative M. McElroy

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Barton High School Bears boys' basketball team bested the Mount Vernon-Enola Warhawks to take home the Class 2A state basketball championship at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 12, 2026, with a score of eighty-nine to forty-four (89-44); and

WHEREAS, the Bears shot over seventy percent (70%) from the field during the second half of the game, and, with this win, the Bears secured the school's first state basketball championship; and

WHEREAS, the Bears ended the season with an overall record of thirty-four (34) wins and five (5) losses; and

WHEREAS, the Bears' team members are Christian Williams, Anderson Smith, Quinteryon Wilson, Jordan Humphrey, Qulan Green, Keshawn Ross, Dominic Hill, Quinteruin Davis, Cameron Otey, Drayden Hardison, Daylan Magsby, and Ronnell Williams; and

WHEREAS, Bears' team member Quinteryon Wilson was the leading scorer for the team with twenty-five (25) points; and



WHEREAS, Bears' team member Christian Williams was named the Class 2A state championship game Most Valuable Player for scoring twenty-two (22) points and providing three (3) assists; and

WHEREAS, the Bears were lead by Head Coach Chris Williams and assistant coaches Martin Rawls and Demetris Johnson; and

WHEREAS, also integral to the Bears' success were managers Justin Ward, Latravien Franklin, and Gilberto Zuniga, as well as the community support provided to the team, including from Superintendent Dr. Bruce Guthrie and Principal Megan Guthrie; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Williams said of the team's victory, "These guys showed that they're the best team in 2A tonight by far. I'm just super proud, man",

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives recognize the Barton High School Bears boys' basketball team for their leadership, discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship and for winning the 2026 Class 2A state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Chris Williams by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.