

By: Representative Richmond

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Mansfield High School Tigers won the 2025 Class 3A state championship held on December 13, 2025, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers won the championship game during their first-ever state championship appearance by besting the Fordyce High School Redbugs with a final score of forty (40) points to thirty (30) points (40-30); and

WHEREAS, with their championship victory, the Tigers won their first state championship in program history and set a record for the most rushing yards in a state championship game, with four hundred eighty-nine (489) rushing yards; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers completed the season with a perfect season record of fourteen wins and zero losses (14-0), and were the first team in program history to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers were back-to-back conference champions for the first time in program history; and



WHEREAS, the Tigers scored the most points of any football program in Arkansas, across all classifications, with six hundred fifty-nine (659) points, set the state record for the most two-point conversions, with seventy-six (76) two-point conversions, and scored the tenth most rushing yards in a season, with five thousand one hundred thirty-five (5,135); and

WHEREAS, the Tigers offensive line was named the Arkansas Sports Network Offensive Line of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers team members were Andrew Burton, Zander Walters, Ethan Martin, Caiden Ore, Jubal Parks, Cooper Edwards, Matthew Burton, Silas Burton, Michael Carter, Jeremiah Burton, Joe Carter, Logan Ore, James Bausley, Chandler Whisman, Dalton Knowles, Colton Moore, Riley Hillard, Vantha Uk, Treven Hattabaugh, Layton Pyles, Isaac Carson, Zach Miller, Alex Hecox, Dieuphny Smithson, Easton Foley, Mason Bryant, Landen Bascue, Travis Gilmer, Timmy Norton, Thomas Boyd, Nathan Dyer, Clayton Garrison, Hayden Miles, Matthew Knight, Christian Risner, and Raihan Black; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers trainers and managers were Daisy Nelson, Kaylee Ward, Molley Estep, Drake Brunson, Remington Steele, and Lincoln Allison; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers were led by Head Coach Whit Overton, Defensive Coordinator Layton Robinson, and Assistant Coaches Trevon Moore, Daniel Martin, Keith Stovall, and Adam Bozant; and

WHEREAS, Tigers team member Andrew Burton is a two-time All-State honoree, was named to the 2025 AAA All-Star Team and the Arkansas Democrat Gazette Super Team, was named Hooten's Class 3A Offensive Player of the Year, River Valley Democrat Gazette Offensive Player of the Year, and the 2025 Class 3A state championship game Most Valuable Player, and scored the second most rushing yards in a state championship game, with three hundred twenty-one (321) rushing yards, had the eighth most rushing touchdowns in a season, with forty (40) rushing touchdowns, and had the second most touch downs in a playoff game, with six (6) touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Tigers team member Zander Walters is a two-time All-State honoree and was named to the 2025 AAA All-Star Team and the River Valley Democrat Gazette All-Area Team; and

WHEREAS, Tigers team member Ethan Martin is a two-time All-State honoree, was named to the River Valley Democrat Gazette All-Area Team, and received the Burlsworth Award for Best Linesman in the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, Tigers team member Caiden Ore was a 2025 All-State honoree and was named to the River Valley Democrat Gazette All-Area Team; and

WHEREAS, Tigers team member Jubal Parks was a 2025 All-State honoree; and

WHEREAS, Tigers team members Cooper Edwards, Matthew Burton, Silas Burton, Michael Carter, Jeremiah Burton, Joe Carter, Logan Ore, and James Bausley earned All-Conference honors; and

WHEREAS, Tigers Head Coach Whit Overton said of the team and the victory, "When I came to Mansfield, everybody thought I was crazy leaving a program like Booneville like I did. I just believed in myself, and I believe in this community that I could come to a place like Mansfield and have that similar success. When you have great kids that buy into it and that want to work hard, and you know we don't have a lot on the team, but those kids are dedicated completely to being a champion. And they proved it tonight, that that's what it takes – hard work and effort.",

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 Mansfield High School Tigers football team as the 2025 Class 3A state champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be

presented to Head Coach Whit Overton by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.