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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Tech University Golden Suns women's cross country team made history with their win at the Great American Conference Championship in Monticello, Arkansas, on October 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Suns placed first among the twelve-team field, and had all five (5) of their scoring runners place in the top twenty-five (25) places; and

WHEREAS, this was the first conference championship for the Golden Suns, who over the previous five (5) years at the Great American Conference Championship had finished no lower than third place and had been runner-up for the previous four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Suns team members are Ellie Akins, Libby Booth, Emily Caldwell, Rachel Caldwell, Peyton Carson, Mackenzie Epperson, Aidan Fisher, Sophia Goerlich, Amaya Grant, Alyson Greathouse, Audrey Hill, Kate Holbrook, Miley Holt, Regan Jones, Addison Leffke, Julia Minton, Passion



Perez, Annsley Rawlins, Avery Stanley, Kate Weber, and Carole Werner; and

WHEREAS, Golden Suns team members Audrey Hill, Amaya Grant, Avery Stanley, Peyton Carson, and Libby Booth each finished in the top twenty-five (25) places; and

WHEREAS, Golden Suns team members Audrey Hill, Amaya Grant, and Avery Stanley earned First Team All-Great American Conference honors by finishing in the top ten (10) places; and

WHEREAS, Golden Suns team member Peyton Carson earned Second Team All-Great American Conference honors; and

WHEREAS, Golden Suns team members Mackenzie Epperson and Alyson Greathouse were named Great American Conference Elite Scholar-Athletes due to having four-point-zero (4.0) grade point averages and at least seventy (70) hours of college credit; and

WHEREAS, Golden Suns team members Ellie Akins, Rachel Caldwell, Peyton Carson, Aidan Fisher, Annsley Rawlins, and Avery Stanley earned Great American Conference Academic Honor Roll Recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Suns were led by Head Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Gabe Sams, Assistant Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Jackson Schwartz, and Volunteer Assistant Coach for Strength and Conditioning Mike Waller; and

WHEREAS, Golden Suns Head Coach Gabe Sams was named the Great American Conference Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year,

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 Arkansas Tech University Golden Suns women's cross country team for their victory at the

Great American Conference Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, an appropriate copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Gabe Sams by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.