

By: Senator R. Murdock

SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Barton High School Bears boys' basketball team won the Class 2A state championship held at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Bears defeated the Mount Vernon-Enola Warhawks by a score of eighty-nine (89) to forty-four (44); and

WHEREAS, this was the first ever state championship for the Bears; and

WHEREAS, the Bears finished their season with a record of thirty-four wins and five losses (34-5); 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, team member Christian Williams was named the 2A state championship's Most Valuable Player; and



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

WHEREAS, the Bears were led by Head Coach Chris Williams during his first year with the Bears, Assistant Coach Martin Rawls, and Assistant Coach Dem Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Bears were supported by the efforts on and off of the court by managers Justin Ward, Latravien Franklin, and Gilberto Zuniga; and

WHEREAS, the Bears were the beneficiaries of the academic leadership of Principal Megan Guthrie and Superintendent Dr. Bruce Guthrie; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Williams said of the victory, "These guys showed that they're the best team in 2A tonight by far. I'm just super proud, man. I'm still really in shock; I don't think it's really hit me yet.",

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the Barton High School Bears boys' basketball team as the Class 2A state champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Chris Williams by the Secretary of the Senate.