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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Earle High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team won the 2025 Class 1A state championship at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas on March 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs defeated the Marked Tree Indians by a score of forty-eight (48) to forty-four (44); and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs finished their season with a record of twenty-five wins and four losses (25-4); and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs team members were Clifton Wren, Ta'ron Hurst, Dereck Lately Jr., Antonius Dorsey, Darion Maples, La'bryant Harris, Jordyn Williams, Dontay Bell, Henry Williams, Jayln Robinson, Aiden Davis, Nassir Doyle, and Tye Sanders; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs team managers were Detaveon Holmes and Zavion Maples; and



WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs were led by Head Coach Carl Miller, Assistant Coach Zena Witherspoon, and Assistant Coach Dale Walker; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Carl Miller said of the victory in 2025, "I'm so proud of these young men. We had a great season. We had a lot going on and these young men stood behind me... I love all of them and they came through tonight. If we believe and stick together and play defense, we'll get through it"; and

WHEREAS, the Earle High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team won the 2026 Class 1A state championship at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas on March 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs defeated the Clarendon Lions by a score of seventy (70) to fifty-eight (58); and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs finished their season with a record of twenty-nine wins and three losses (29-3); and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs team members were Jaden Little, Ta'ron Hurst, Derek Lately Jr., Antonius Dorsey, Aiden Davis, Darion Maples, Tye Sanders, Jordyn Williams, Clifton Wren, Dontay Bell, Keilon Leggiton, Nassir Doyle, Henry Williams, Xavier Jones, Rickey Butler, Donovan Smith, and Markevious Perkins; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs team managers were Detaveon Holmes, Zavion Maples, and Jaylen Crawford; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs were led by Head Coach Carl Miller, Assistant Coach Zena Witherspoon, and Assistant Coach Odell Brown; and

WHEREAS, Coach Carl Miller said of the victory in 2026, "Man, it means a lot for the school, the community, and the county. It means a lot because we have a lot of changes going on in and out of our school a lot of times, but these guys persevere and fight. I just thank God for the opportunity to be part of it"; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 and 2026, team member Ta'ron Hurst was named the 1A state championship's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, as of 2026, the Bulldogs have won twelve (12) state championships, including back-to-back titles in 2025 and 2026, as well as three (3) championships in a row in 2016, 2017, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Earle High School swept both the boys' and girls' Class 1A state championship in 2026,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate recognize the Earle High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team as the 2025 and 2026 Class 1A state champions.

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